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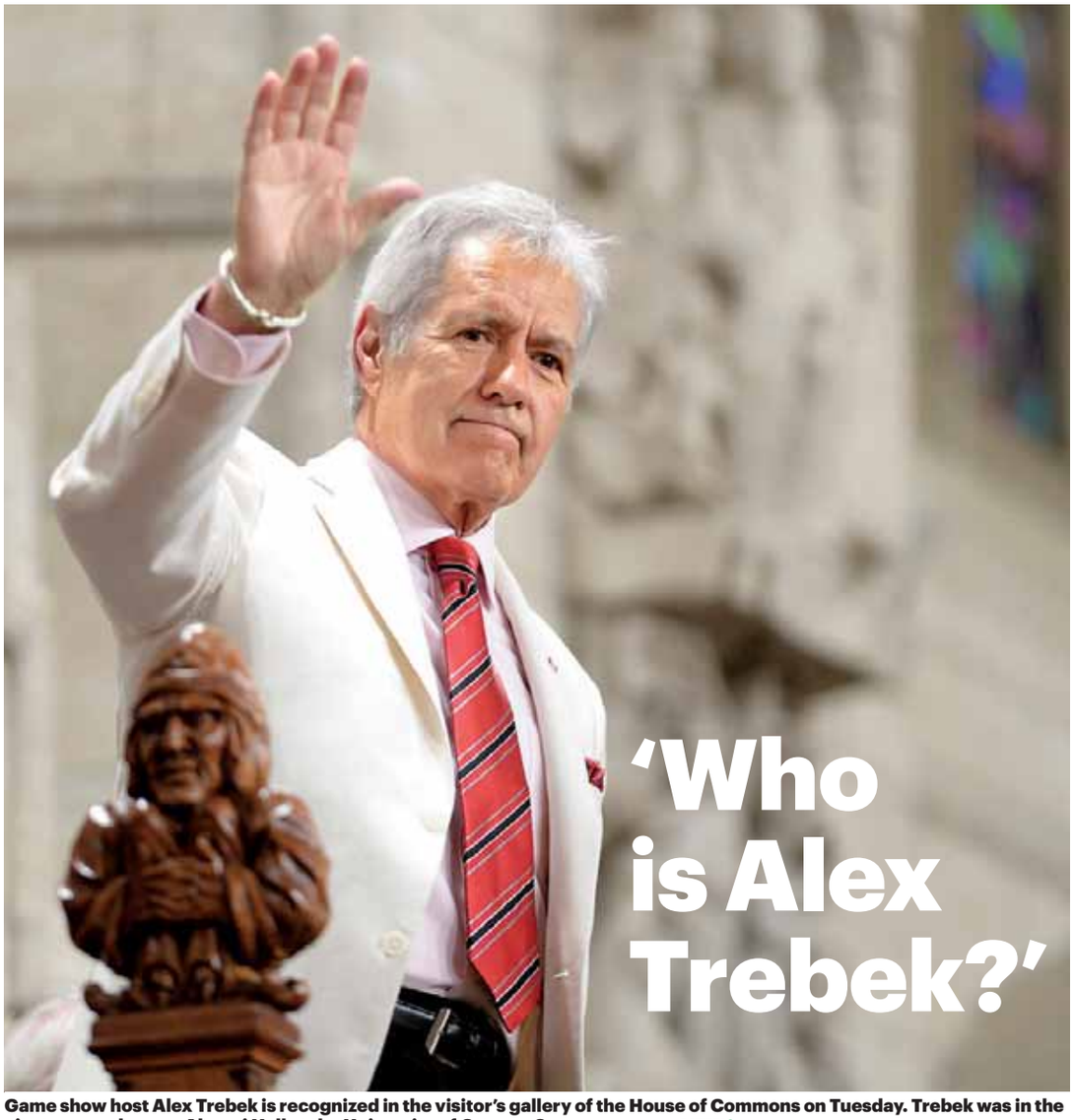

'Who is Alex Trebek?'

Game show host Alex Trebek is recognized in the visitor's gallery of the House of Commons on Tuesday. Trebek was in the city to open the new Alumni Hall at the University of Ottawa. Coverage, metroNEWS. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

'Please stop!...'

COURT

Wife testifies at realtor's attempted murder trial

Joe Lofaro
Metro | Ottawa

Kirsten Côté told an Ottawa courtroom Tuesday how she survived repeated blows to the head with an aluminum baseball bat and narrowly escaped an alleged assault from her husband on a morning that started out like any other.

She had prepared breakfast for their five kids on April 2, 2014, and her husband, Chris Hoare, had driven them all to school.

Upon his return, he came home with a "big smile on his face," Côté testified at her husband's attempted murder trial. A big cheque from the realty company he worked for had come in.

But minutes later, Hoare invited his wife of 13 years to the garage, asked her to hold a tray, and to close her eyes, she testified.

Then, out of nowhere, a disorienting blow had her thinking something had fallen on her head. Then came another.

She testified she screamed to him, "'Oh Chris, what are you doing? Please stop!' I begged him to stop. I told him I wanted to see our children grow up and get married."

Hoare, 45, is on trial for charges of attempted murder, aggravated assault, assault with a weapon and choking.

In court, he pleaded guilty to assault with a weapon, but pleaded not guilty to the remaining charges. The Crown rejected his guilty pleas to the lesser charges of assault causing bodily harm in the place of the attempted murder and aggravated assault charges.

Côté testified she escaped from the garage and clung to the tire of their van as he tried to pull her back inside. She screamed for help and eventually a neighbour drove by, intervened, and called 911.

Crown prosecutor Michael Boyce said in his opening remarks the alleged victim had no idea Hoare was in "significant financial peril" in the months leading up to the incident.

"We didn't argue. We were happily married," Côté later testified.

The trial continues Wednesday.

"If I didn't get out of that garage, I knew that I was going to die.
Kirsten Côté

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Veterans mark 70 years since Netherlands' liberation. **Canada**

RETAIL

Bass Pro will not be coming to Kanata

Haley Ritchie
Metro | Ottawa

Looks like Bass Pro Shops won't be coming to Kanata after all.

The outdoor and sporting-goods chain told Metro it is shelving plans to open a store off the 417 across from the Canadian Tire Centre.

"We are not moving forward with the deal at this time," spokeswoman Tammy Sapp said in an email.

The company announced in 2013 that it would open a store in Kanata. Until recently, Bass Pro maintained the store was still a go, even when rival chain Cabela's Inc. said it plans to open a 70,000-square-foot store nearby early next year.

The location is quickly becoming a retail hotbed, with a Tanger Outlet mall and other retail outlets sprouting up.

The store's location in Ottawa would have been the third location in the province, and would have included a restaurant and ocean-themed bowling area. Currently, the closest Bass Pro location is a four-hour drive west to Vaughan, Ont.

INFRASTRUCTURE

A tale of two bridges

An Ottawa pedestrian overpass is getting a glassy new makeover — and taxpayers are one step closer to footing the bill for a $400,000 transfer fee.

The Freiman Bridge was built in 1982 during the development of the Rideau Centre. It connects the Transitway on the Mackenzie King Bridge through the mall to the ByWard Market.

The link is getting a $3-million revamp in line with the $360-million Rideau Centre redevelopment.

The repairs, glazing and other maintenance costs have previously been shared between the city, Hudson's Bay Company and the mall's owner, Cadillac Fairview Corp. But on Tuesday, the finance and economic development committee approved a plan to give $400,000 to Cadillac Fairview Corp. to take over the bridge maintenance.

A second bridge, closer to the intersection of Rideau Street and Sussex Drive, links the Rideau Centre to the Hudson Bay store. It will be torn down. The city is not responsible for this bridge.

The tale of two bridges must be brought to council for a final stamp of approval.

LUCY SCHOLEY/METRO

NUMBERS

Freiman bridge

Between 2003 and 2012, Ottawa spent $78,415 on glazing repairs. Another $62,000 is expected to be spent over the following three years. City staff is recommending a $335,000 waiver of air rights for the bridge.

Out of the $3 million refurbishment plan, $2 million will be invested in new glazing and cladding.

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Ottawa's ING Engineering show off their Scout surveillance robot outside the CANSEC defence and security trade show.

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Drones not a part of city bylaws: Mayor

AIRCRAFT

Transport Canada has some restrictions

Lucy Scholey
Metro | Ottawa

It's not up to the City of Ottawa to monitor any drones buzzing over your head, according to Jim Watson. However, the Ottawa mayor recognizes the mini aircraft as a problem that's "going to get bigger" as more people access home-building drone kits.

"It's uncharted waters — or airspace — so I'm not really sure if we would have that jurisdiction. My understanding is that anything in the air falls under Transport Canada," said Watson on Tuesday, noting that he's concerned about privacy issues or a malfunctioning drone dropping on an unsuspecting passerby.

Barrhaven resident Scott Gorry recently told Metro that somebody keeps flying a drone over his house and he doesn't know who it is.

Gorry last spotted the device this past weekend while he was doing yard work. The drone freaked his wife out so much that she had to go inside their home, he said.

In an email to Metro, a City of Ottawa spokesperson said municipalities are limited in regulating the use of drones due to federal regulations.

The city has also not received any complaints about the aircrafts.

According to Transport Canada, anyone who flies an unmanned aircraft over 35 kg (for fun, not research) must have a Special Flight Operations Certificate. Otherwise, operators are prohibited from flying drones higher than 90 metres above the ground or closer than 150 metres from people, buildings or vehicles.

And no drones are allowed at Bluesfest, or any concert or sporting event, either.

WITH FILES FROM JOE LOFARO/METRO

ENERGY

Hydro One should drop its rates, Mayor Jim Watson says

There are two "reasonable" fixes to the "profoundly unfair" pay divide between the city's Hydro One and Hydro Ottawa customers, according to Jim Watson.

The Ottawa mayor said he's penning a letter to the premier next week about creating an even paying playing field among Hydro One customers.

About 45,000 Hydro One customers, many of whom live in the Orléans and Cumberland wards, are paying higher rates than the rest of city's Hydro Ottawa customers.

These are the options Watson is putting on the table: A non-binding arbitration between the city and Hydro One or that the company keep its customers, but drop their rates to be equal to the rest of the city.

Hydro One previously pitched binding arbitration as a fix, but the mayor said that's not the way to go.

"If they came in with a settlement that was far in excess of what we felt was a reasonable offer, then we would be saddling our current ratepayers with increases that I think would be unacceptable to almost every citizen," he said. However, a non-binding discussion could be more flexible.

> **Hydro Ottawa and Hydro One do not set rates now and will not set rates in the future.**
> Jennifer Beaudry

In an email to Metro, energy ministry spokesperson Jennifer Beaudry maintained that binding arbitration would produce a "fair price" for Ottawa.

"The Mayor is now proposing the City of Ottawa set rates for Hydro One customers," the email reads.

"Hydro Ottawa and Hydro One do not set rates now and will not set rates in the future. Rates are and will continue to be set by the independent Ontario Energy Board (OEB)."

LUCY SCHOLEY/METRO

Connecting a band of wireless entrepreneurs

It's like speed-dating for startups. Wireless entrepreneurs are getting a rare opportunity to pitch their businesses to some of the biggest players in the game. If that sounds like a lot of pressure, well, it is. But the potential rewards are huge, as is the chance to land the deal of a lifetime.

The Wavefront Summit brings heavyweight wireless companies together with smaller tech companies, including many from Ottawa, at the Shaw Centre from May 5-6. COURTESY DENIS DREVER

Lucy Scholey
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Hundreds of wireless entrepreneurs are meeting in Ottawa this week for a two-day speed-dating-style networking event at the Shaw Centre.

"Think of it as Dragons' Den on steroids," said William Archer, vice-president of Enterprise Solutions with Wavefront.

IBM, Rogers, Verizon, Samsung and Toshiba are among the heavyweights that have landed in Ottawa for the Wavefront Summit to meet with the small- and medium-sized entrepreneurs, including many from the National Capital Region.

More than 400 people have registered for the event.

"Ottawa is not a first-name destination when you think of conventions," Archer said. "Yet here we are with some of the best and brightest from around the world."

The conference is typically held in Vancouver, but because Ottawa is home to Parliament Hill, Kanata's high-tech industry and is close to Toronto and Montreal, organizers opted for the venue change.

"I was very happy to see that it was near the federal government offices," said Frank Friesacher, CEO of Ottawa-based Troo, a firm that provides GPS-tracking systems for aircraft, fleets of vehicles and emergency responders.

"I think the federal government needs to pay attention to this industry.... It feels like another revolution coming on in technology," Friesacher said.

Terry Dell, associate director of data solutions for Verizon Wireless, flew in from Seattle for the event.

"Innovation occurs in all different shapes and sizes, companies from all over," Dell said. "We want to make sure we have our eyes open and looking for new ways to work with these innovative companies."

Meanwhile, Jeri Rodrigs, CEO of Intraneous Broadband Inc., said he's not expecting instant sales with any of the big companies; he simply wants to plant his ideas.

"This is to pitch to them to listen more," Rodrigs said.

The event wraps up on Wednesday.

WHO'S WHO?

Some of the speakers scheduled for May 6:

- James Maynard, Wavefront president and CEO
- Jean-Dominique Ieraci, director general, Trade Sectors Bureau, Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development (DFATD)
- Mansell Nelson, senior vice-president, Products and Solutions, Enterprise Business Unit, Rogers Communications Inc.
- Sky Matthews, chief technology officer, Internet of Things, IBM
- Larry Zibrik, VP Market Development, Sierra Wireless
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- Kim Rowe, founder, RoweBots Limited
- Victor Woo, general manager for the Internet of Things, Cisco Systems Canada Co.

MEET SOME OF THE ENTREPRENEURS

1 DEEPAK DUTT, CEO

Zighra is an Ottawa-based mobile security services firm that aims to prevent fraud.

2 JERI RODRIGS, CEO

Ottawa-based Intraneous Broadband Inc. is a high-speed Internet router manufacturer.

3 FRANK FRIESACHER, CEO

Troo is an Ottawa-based firm that collects sensory data from aircraft and emergency responders.

4 DIETER NEUJAHR, GENERAL MANAGER

ChannelCreator is based in London, U.K., and brings European mobile and software companies to North America.

5 JIMMY KELLAND, BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

Syntronic is a Swedish engineering design company that recently opened its first Canada office in Kanata.

Elementary teachers plan work-to-rule action Monday

EDUCATION

Classes will 'be running as usual,' says school board

Haley Ritchie
Metro | Ottawa

The union that represents public elementary school teachers in the province has announced it is beginning work-to-rule strike action on Monday across all school boards, including the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board.

"Based on the information available at this time, it is believed that ETFO (Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario) will be implementing a partial withdrawal of service," reads a statement released by the school board.

"Parents can expect elementary schools to be open and all classes running as usual."

According to the ETFO, the current strike action will involve not administering standardized EQAO testing, limiting report-card prep and not participating in professional development.

Teachers in the Ottawa Catholic School Board, who won't be in a strike position until mid-June, are not affected by this action.

Peter Giuliani, president of the Ottawa chapter of the union, said he couldn't comment on provincial decisions, but that the union generally tries to limit the impact on students in the early phases of strike action.

"We're taking a very careful, measured approach here and trying to minimize the impact this will have on our students at this stage," he said. "I'm hoping people will see that we're being more than reasonable."

Ontario elementary school teachers are set to go on a work-to-rule strike next week, including those who work for the Ottawa-Carleton public board. JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

The Ottawa-Carleton Elementary Teachers' Federation represents 3,000 teaching staff in the city. Members have been without a contract since Aug. 31, 2014.

Giuliani said many people are confusing the elementary school strike with the high school strike, which are represented by different groups.

"I've been getting a lot of calls asking if school was cancelled Monday, and my response was, 'Of course there's school on Monday,'" he said.

Ottawa parent Cheri Bishop, who was picking her two children from school on Tuesday, said she hopes the strike action doesn't escalate.

"I don't like the work-to-rule situation, since the kids are the ones who miss out," she said.

"It's just sad because the teachers don't like doing it, they don't want to do it, but they have to. It's an unfortunate situation."

PRIMER

What may happen during coming strike

A strike doesn't necessarily mean classes are cancelled. After a strike vote succeeds, the union has a wide range of actions it can take to send a message to the government.

1. Administration: Teachers may be told to not attend professional development or refuse to fill in for absent principles.

2. Standardized tests: Teachers can refuse to administer standardized EQAO testing, which takes place in grades 3 and 6 at the elementary level.

3. Report cards: Teachers can also limit the amount of prep work that goes into report cards, including writing comments. Teachers can also refuse to attend staff meetings or meet to discuss grades with parents.

4. Extracurricular: In 2012, high school teachers on a work-to-rule strike were ordered not to come to work early or stay late, and couldn't volunteer for extracurricular activities, including running clubs, sports or chaperoning events.

5. Walkout: The most extreme strike action, already taking place in some school boards by high school teachers, would see classes cancelled and teachers picketing.

HALEY RITCHIE/METRO

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ANALYSIS

Schools in disarray with labour unrest and sex-ed protest

A looming provincewide teachers' strike and vocal opposition to a new sex-ed curriculum have thrown Ontario's education system into turmoil.

Elementary school teachers are taking strike action starting Monday in the form of a work-to-rule campaign — a move the province's education minister says is motivated by the union's "general desire to have a strike" rather than any one issue.

The planned job action comes as more than 70,000 high school students in the province sit at home because teachers at three boards are on strike. At the same time, thousands of parents are voluntarily keeping their kids home to protest Ontario's updated sex-ed curriculum, which will be taught starting in September.

Opponents say the new program is not appropriate for school-age children and does not align with their values. Many of the parents complain about mentions of same-sex relationships, gender identity and masturbation.

In Toronto, about 34,000 elementary students were absent Monday, the first day of a planned week-long campaign largely organized through Facebook. That's more than double the absences recorded last Monday. The number of absences dropped to about 28,000 on Tuesday.

SECONDARY SCHOOL TALKS

- Central talks between the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation and the province and school boards have also broken down.
- This is the first round of negotiations since the province brought in a new bargaining system with both local and provincial talks. Premier Kathleen Wynne said she knew this knew system would be tough, and it is proving difficult for local negotiators to reach settlements before there is a central deal.

At least one of the city's elementary schools had an absentee rate of more than 90 per cent. Supporters of the curriculum say the opposition is largely founded on misinformation.

Premier Kathleen Wynne said Tuesday that it's concerning those children will not be learning valuable math, science and language lessons this week. The curriculum, which hadn't been updated since 1998, brings Ontario in line with other jurisdictions and gives kids "the information they need to keep themselves safe," she said.

The labour unrest marks the end of more than a decade of relative peace with the teachers. After a succession of labour disruptions during Progressive Conservative governments, these are the first full strikes to hit Ontario schools since the Liberals took power in 2003.

Wynne said she knew this would be a tough round of bargaining because the government, which is facing a $10.9-billion deficit, has said there is no new money for wages.

Both the elementary teachers' union and their secondary schools counterpart say their bargaining disputes with the government are not about money, citing factors such as teacher working conditions, class sizes and teacher preparation time.

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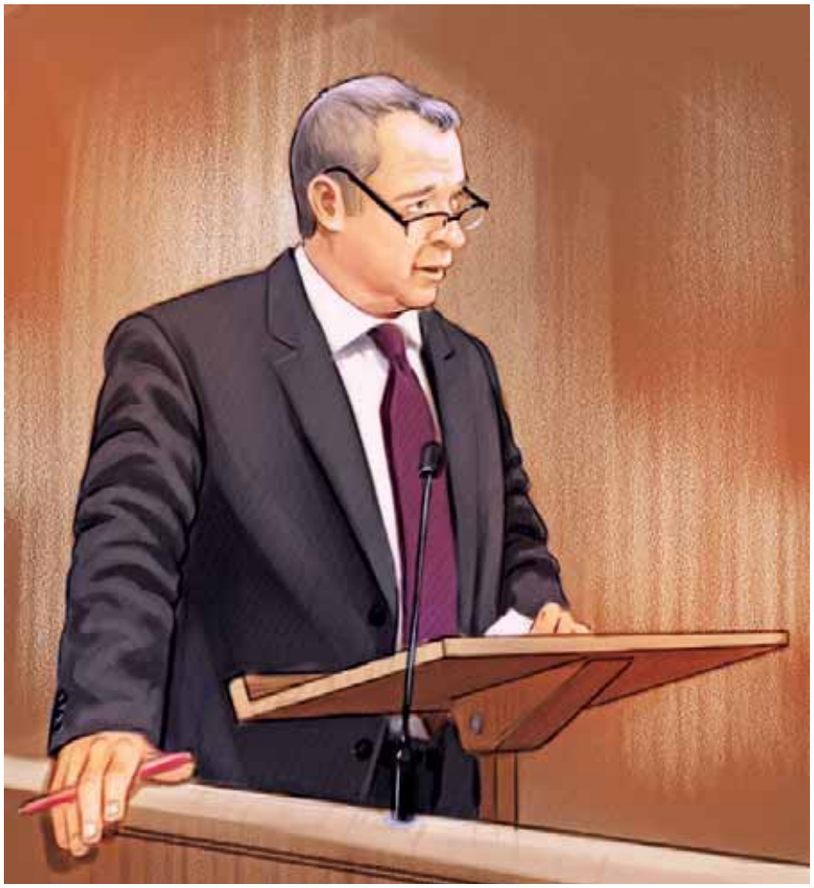

In this court artist's sketch, Crown prosecutor Mark Holmes addresses the Mike Duffy fraud and bribery trial in Ottawa. GREG BANNING/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Duffy trial is in its dog days

COURT

From case law to canines, dryness to absurdity

It was just that kind of day at the trial of Senator Mike Duffy.

The Crown and defence lawyers wrapped up a lengthy procedural detour on Tuesday, during which they made their best arguments for why a particular Senate committee report should or should not be entered into evidence.

Justice Charles Vaillancourt heard about cases that went as far back at the 18th century, and one involving an Ontario miner who used to be in the Finnish army. In a nutshell, the defence would like the Senate report, which is based on internal audits by the firm Ernst & Young, considered as fact by the judge.

The Crown disagrees, arguing it's just opinion or hearsay.

Vaillancourt says he'll make a decision and get back to the court on that front in June.

From there, the trial swung into absurd territory, as dog show organizer Louise Lang testified via telephone from Toronto.

What does the secretary of the Kerry Blue Terrier Club of Canada have to do with the Duffy trial?

Duffy billed the Senate for $698.58 in travel expenses for a trip to Peterborough, Ont. in July 2010, where he says he met with MP Dean Del Mastro and his wife — what he called on official forms "meet local officials on broadcasting issues."

That travel resulted in one charge each of fraud and breach of trust. He faces 31 charges in total, and has pleaded not guilty.

Duffy also went to the Kawartha Kennel Dog Show during that Peterborough trip, and the Crown has alleged he and his wife purchased a dog there — a kerry blue terrier, to be exact.

Defence lawyer Donald Bayne appeared to make the case that the kennel show was a big deal in Peterborough, Ont., pressing Lang on her belief that local reporters sometimes covered the event. Duffy has suggested in his daily schedules that his presence there was public business.

Bayne told the court that Duffy actually purchased the dog the following year. Duffy's diary has an entry on January 24, 2011, "H&M pick up pup," H being Heather Duffy and M being Mike. After that point, there several entries regarding a dog named Chloe.

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MORE TO COME

The trial is expected to hear Wednesday by phone or video conference from broadcaster and columnist Ezra Levant, who has done speech-writing for Duffy in the past.

AYLMER DOUBLE HOMICIDE

Police charge woman with murder

More than a year after a grisly discovery in an Aylmer home, Quebec police have charged a woman with first-degree murder in connection with the deaths of Travis Votour and his girlfriend, Amanda Trottier.

Sûreté du Québec said they arrested Sonia Vilon, 39, Monday morning and laid the charge. She was scheduled to appear in court Tuesday.

Trottier's mother, Victoria Lebrasseur, discovered the bodies of her son and his girlfriend in their home at 158 Terrasse Eardley in Aylmer shortly before 1 p.m. on Jan. 6, 2014.

The slain couple were in their 20s.

Trottier's three-year-old daughter was inside the home at the time, but was unharmed, police said at the time.

Sûreté du Québec spokesman Marc Tessier said Tuesday the 16-month investigation is still ongoing and more arrests are possible. Gatineau police assisted in the investigation.

Anyone with any information on the two deaths is being asked to contact Sûreté du Québec at 1-800-659-4264.

JOE LOFARO/METRO

IN BRIEF

Dandelion Festival returns funding to TransCanada

After a quick fundraising campaign, Kemptville's Dandelion Festival has announced it will be returning a controversial sponsorship from TransCanada.

The annual music festival attracted controversy after local musicians pulled the plug on their scheduled performances because they do not agree with TransCanada's proposed pipeline, which will affect the area.

Organizers had said the festival would not be able to run without the $5,000 donation, so a local group took to crowd-funding website Indiegogo to raise money.

Sustainable North Grenville managed to raise $5,260 in three days, meeting its target well before the May 8 deadline.

"It's a phenomenal outpouring of community support to show that we want this festival to succeed, and we want it to succeed without sponsorship from TransCanada," group member Diana Steadman told Metro on May 3.

Festival organizers confirmed that the money from TransCanada will be returned and the festival will continue May 22 to 24.

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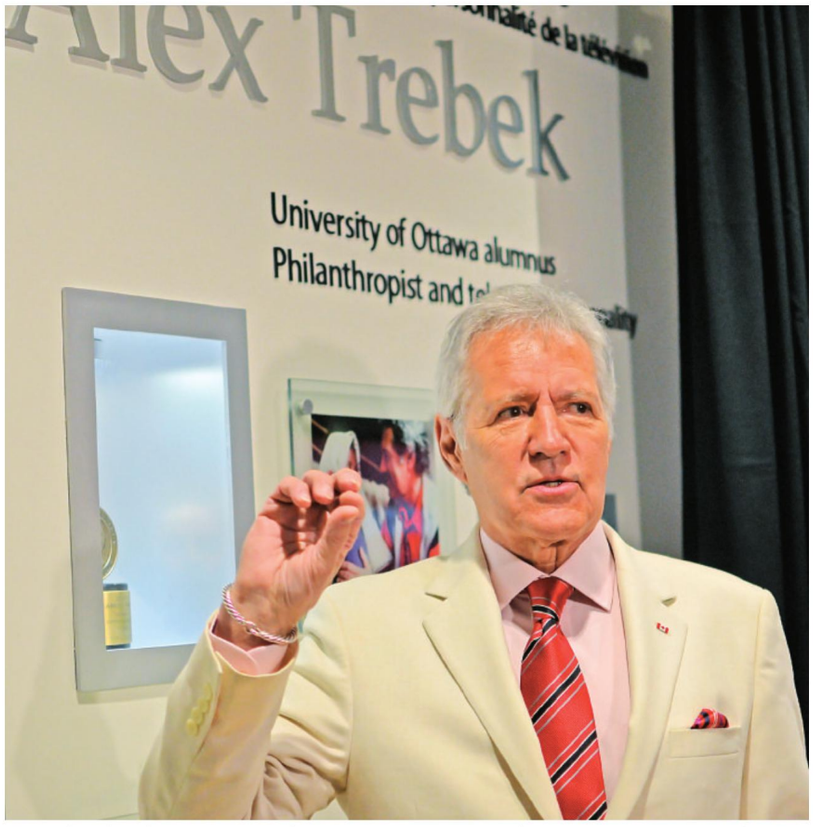

The University of Ottawa opened its new Alex Trebek Alumni Hall on Tuesday, named after the famous Jeopardy! host and Ottawa alumnus. HALEY RITCHIE/METRO

Trebek opens new alumni hall at U of O

EDUCATION

TV host alludes to Gee-Gees scandal at ceremony

Haley Ritchie
Metro | Ottawa

This famous game show host opened the University of Ottawa's new Alumni Hall Tuesday morning. If you knew that the question is "Who is Alex Trebek?" then you'd be right on the money.

The new building is named after the Jeopardy! host and former University of Ottawa student, whose $2.4-million donation aided its construction.

The building features a prominent display dedicated to Trebek, including black-and-white photos and some of his awards, including a lifetime achievement Emmy, Peabody and World Vision award.

During the ceremony, Trebek reflected on growing up across the road while attending the university's Catholic prep school — and alluded to allegations of sexual assault against members of the Gee-Gees hockey team.

"Now, of course, the University of Ottawa is a secular school, but I really hope that the traditions and values that existed when the priests ran it will continue for years to come," said Trebek.

"Although when I hear of scandals like the one last year involving one of our sports teams, I begin to wonder.

"I do hope that was a one-off deal."

Trebek said he had fond memories of attending an all-boys school and being mentored by his teachers.

"If you believe as I do that your character is formed mostly in adolescence, then mine was formed right here," he said. "Every time I come back here, the names of those special men flow into my memory bank."

His donation will also go towards funding a lecture series focused on "original thinking."

Trebek graduated with a degree in philosophy from the school in 1961 and was given an honorary doctorate in 1998.

'REPETITIOUS'

He made his name reading answers, but Trebek's opinion of Question Period isn't exactly glowing: "It's difficult to hear for the people in the galleries, and it looks like a lot of it is pre-scripted. The questions I see on the members' sheets, on their desks, all appear to have come from the same printer, the same font size, and it was a bit repetitious at points because the ministers were having to stand up and say exactly what they had said 10 minutes earlier in response to a slight variation on that particular subject."

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Alberta's election twists, turns

POLITICS

Unprecedented season pushes Tories to limit

April 7: Premier Jim Prentice announces in Edmonton that he has visited the lieutenant-governor to ask for a provincial election on May 5. Under Alberta law, an election wasn't supposed to be held until early 2016, but many believe Prentice hopes to take advantage of an opposition in disarray. He's running on a tough-love budget that increases taxes and runs a record $5-billion deficit.

April 8: Calgary Mayor Naheed Nenshi criticizes Prentice for spending $30 million to hold an early election after refusing weeks earlier to restore $200,000 in funding for more child death investigations.

April 13: Prentice acknowledges the level of public anger being directed at his party. "We will not make the mistakes of the past."

April 13: Prentice says there will not be a provincial sales tax as long as he leads Alberta.

April 19: NDP Leader Rachel Notley takes a page from former Tory premier Peter Lougheed as she unveils her party's election campaign platform in Edmonton. Notley says corporations that did well during the boom should be expected to shoulder more of the burden during lean times.

April 23: In a flinty televised debate, Prentice trades barbs with Notley and literally turns his back on Jean. The highlight comes when Prentice incorrectly says the NDP want to raise Alberta's 10 per cent corporate tax rate to 20 per cent instead of the 12 per cent outlined in the NDP budget plan. He mock commiserates with Notley that "math is difficult" as she tries to set the record straight.

April 24: Pollsters and pundits say Notley was the clear debate winner, while Jean came off as too wooden. Prentice acknowledges that Notley is a skilled debater but questions how her party could afford its election promises.

Alberta PC Party Leader Jim Prentice casts his vote Calgary on Tuesday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

April 24: Prentice dismisses the possibility of the political left surging to power, saying Alberta is "not an NDP province." Notley says "Albertans will decide what sort of province Alberta is."

April 25: Alberta's justice minister steps down. Prentice says he learned that "legal proceedings have commenced between Jonathan Denis and his estranged wife." Prentice says he still has faith in Denis as a PC candidate.

April 28: Alberta Liberal Leader David Swann tells a crowd at a seniors centre that if people can't vote Liberal, they should cast their ballot for someone other than the Tories. "After 44 years, they need to be kicked out," he says. "At the very least we need a stronger opposition."

April 29: Prentice says a PC election candidate convicted of soliciting a prostitute is acceptable because he owned up to what he did.

April 30: Former premier Ralph Klein's daughter, Angie Klein, says her father may have led the Progressive Conservatives for 14 years, but it's time for a new government. She releases a YouTube video urging Albertans to vote for the NDP.

May 3: Notley tells more than 1,000 cheering supporters that the choice for Alberta's future is theirs and doesn't belong to Prentice and his corporate friends.

May 4: The day before the vote, the PCs are forced to address lurid allegations surrounding Denis' failed marriage. A judge lifted a ban that had kept from the public allegations that Denis kneed his estranged wife, Breanna Palmer, in the face, tampered with her car's brakes and threw temper tantrums while their marriage fell apart earlier in the year. Justice Craig Jones says he's satisfied Palmer is "not in danger of family violence."

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ELECTIONS

P.E.I. a warning to old guard

A strong election showing Monday by third parties that once struggled for slivers of Prince Edward Island's vote is a warning to Tories and Liberals that generations-old political loyalties are fading, say political commentators.

History professor Ian Dowbiggin of the University of Prince Edward Island says the gains made by the NDP and the Green party, which each won about 11 per cent of the popular vote, represents a historic shift that won't be easily erased.

"When you get over 20 per cent of the total number of votes, it's got to reflect a changing of political allegiance, especially among young people," he says.

"The people who were voting yesterday for the Greens and the NDP weren't simply old hippies with pony tails voting their heart."

The Liberals won their third straight majority under rookie premier Wade MacLauchlan, dropping from 20 seats to 18, while the Tories took eight seats and the Green party claimed its first seat in the legislature.

Dowbiggin says the Liberal win shows the electorate is comfortable with the former university president, the province's first openly gay premier.

He also says the Greens and NDP still face huge obstacles in fundraising, candidate recruitment and a first-past-the-post system that works against some parties.

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HEALTH

Quebec toughens smoking laws

Ten years after it prohibited smoking in bars and restaurants, Quebec has introduced sweeping legislation that would extend the ban to patios and subject increasingly popular e-cigarettes to the same rules as other tobacco products.

Flavoured tobacco would also be outlawed, as would smoking in a vehicle if someone under 16 is present.

"We know that tobacco is the worst product that you can take," junior health minister Lucie Charlebois said Tuesday after tabling the legislation.

"I saw my father die of lung cancer because he was smoking too much. I don't have to explain to you how horrible it was.

"We want to be the leaders in Canada and around the world in terms of less prevalence of tobacco."

If it becomes law, Bill 44 would see e-cigarettes prohibited inside institutions and public buildings.

The bill seeks to prohibit the sale of all tobacco products having a flavour or aroma, including menthol cigarettes and cigarillos. Electronic cigarettes are exempt because they're used by smokers seeking to end their addiction.

"I do not want to take away the opportunity for people to use this product to quit smoking," said Charlebois, herself an ex-smoker.

The province also wants to ban smoking on bar and restaurant patios and within nine metres of a public building — unless that distance leaves smokers on the street.

Bill 44 will be subject to consultations. THE CANADIAN PRESS

FORMER PM HOW OLD DOES HE LOOK? A photo of ex-prime minister Sir Wilfrid Laurier is shown after being processed through the website "How Old Do I Look." People uploading photos of their faces to the site are giving Microsoft the right to use the pictures for nearly any purpose, privacy experts say. THE CANADIAN PRESS HANDOUT

600 hit by immigration fraud: Police

JOB RECRUITMENT

Toronto woman faces 73 charges in alleged scheme

More than 600 people around the world fell victim to an alleged immigration fraud scheme run by a Toronto woman, who now faces 73 charges in an expanding investigation.

Toronto police announced fresh charges against Imelda "Mel" Fronda Saluma, 46, on Tuesday, saying her victims have allegedly been defrauded of over $2.3 million.

"She did prey on people's hopes to get them over here, because everybody wants to get to a better place," said Det.-Const. Erwin Mendoza.

The probe into Saluma's activities began in October, after police were contacted with allegations that a large number of people had been defrauded by a Toronto-based recruiting agency dealing primarily with immigrant workers.

It was alleged that individuals, their family members and friends from other countries were recruited for jobs in Canada by the agency, identified as GoWest Jobs International.

Payment was allegedly requested so that positive documents, references and employment contracts could be provided to applicants, but police said those documents were fake.

An application would then allegedly be submitted to government agencies in the foreign countries on the victims' behalf.

The applicants would subsequently be denied entry to Canada due to the fraudulent documents submitted on their behalf, and the applicant would be banned from reapplying for two years, police said.

"It's pretty tough for all of the foreign applicants to come up with the applicant fees that this company was looking for," said Mendoza, adding that Saluma's agency allegedly asked for between $1,500 and $5,000 from its victims.

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BACKGROUND

"Mel" Fronda Saluma's alleged victims were based in Canada and six other countries, including the Philippines, Taiwan and Hong Kong.

Most of the victims were of Filipino descent.

Anyone who thinks they may be a victim or know a victim is being asked to contact authorities.

CONFUSION OVER SEX

Most Canadians can't define 'consent': Poll

An online poll commissioned by the Canadian Women's Foundation suggests most Canadians lack knowledge about the definition of sexual consent.

According to Canadian law, consent is the voluntary agreement to engage in sexual activity, which can be withdrawn at any time.

While 96 per cent of Canadians agreed that sex should always be consensual, 67 per cent of those surveyed didn't fully understand what that means.

Only a third of the respondents identified that consent can be revoked at any time during a sexual encounter.

About one in 10 Canadians believed consent is not required, or didn't know if it's required, between spouses or long-term partners. THE CANADIAN PRESS

TRACKING 'POOPETRATOR'

Landlord demands doggie doo samples

A B.C. landlord has unleashed his inner pet detective with demands that residents who own about 30 dogs submit samples of their animal's excrement to pinpoint the 'poopetrator' fouling the stairwell.

A letter to tenants of the three-storey suburban Vancouver apartment building says technology exists to identify the dog that left a mess twice — and non-compliance will result in eviction.

DNA analysis has been available for about a year in Canada through a company called PooPrints.

Maggie Ashley, with PooPrints, says hundreds of strata councils across Canada are considering gathering the DNA of residents' dogs.

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COURT

Omar Khadr's bail remains in limbo

Any hopes Omar Khadr had of tasting freedom for the first time in almost 13 years were dashed Tuesday when an Alberta justice said she wanted more time to consider whether he should be released on bail.

Court of Appeal Justice Myra Bielby said she would decide Thursday whether to grant the federal government's request to keep him behind bars despite a lower court order that he be freed. Khadr showed little emotion as he was led from court, but one of his lawyers, Dennis Edney, was disappointed with the decision.

"Of course, I'd like to grab him, throw him in the car, take him home," Edney said outside court.

At issue is an April 24 order from Court of Queen's Bench Justice June Ross that Khadr, 28, should be given bail pending his appeal of his war crimes conviction in the United States.

He was due for release as early as Tuesday under Ross's order and Edney had arrived with a bag of clothes, fully prepared to take Khadr home. THE CANADIAN PRESS

> **When I listen to the argument from the government ... it's all smoke and mirrors.**
>
> Dennis Edney, lawyer for Omar Khadr

LAND CLAIM

Nunavut to get $250M in lawsuit settlement

Ottawa is to pay an Inuit land-claim group more than $250 million to settle a lawsuit and improve training for Inuit to enter the territorial civil service.

The payment is included in a previously announced deal for more than $300 million that ends a nine-year-old claim against the federal government by Nunavut Tunngavik Inc., the group that oversees the Nunavut land claim.

$175M

About $175 million of the settlement is to go into a fund to provide Inuit with job skills.

"There's a lot of interest in the Arctic now and we have a large, untrained Inuit work force," Cathy Towtongie, NTI president, said Monday.

The land claim guaranteed that Inuit would hold the same percentage of jobs in the territorial government that they do in the general population — about 85 per cent. But the level has been stuck at about 50 per cent for years.

A conciliator's report concluded in 2005 that the reason has been Ottawa's consistent underfunding of education in the territory.

Retired justice Thomas Berger found that underfunding has resulted in graduates that are literate in neither English nor Inuktitut. He recommended a bilingual education program paid for through an extra $20 million a year from the government.

NTI filed its lawsuit, claiming $1-billion damages, after the report's release. That was based on wages the group said the Inuit could have earned if they'd been educated well. THE CANADIAN PRESS

IN BRIEF

Canadian tourists in Mexico warned of drug cartel threats

Canada's embassy In Mexico has issued a warning to tourists following a wave of recent attacks by a drug cartel in the western state of Jalisco.

At least 15 people were killed and 19 injured in a series of attacks in Jalisco last Friday, during which 11 banks and five gas stations were burned. The cartel is also suspected of using a rocket-propelled grenade to force down a military helicopter. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Corrections investigator to be replaced

Canada's corrections investigator Howard Sapers has been told by the Harper government he's out of a job as soon as a replacement can be found.

Sapers has been given a temporary contract of up to a year while the government searches for a "suitable replacement" to take over the role of prison service watchdog, a spokesman for Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney said. Sapers said he was not told why he's being terminated. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canadian Second World War navy veteran Bert Reynolds, 88, of Penetanguishene, Ont., kisses six-month-old Siem Henken, held by his father during VE-Day celebrations in Wageningen, Netherlands, on Tuesday. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Remembering seven decades since WWII

CEREMONY

Canadian veterans honoured in Netherlands

It was 70 years ago Tuesday that the guns fell nearly silent along the Canadian and British lines in Holland.

The war in northwestern Europe was almost over and Pte. Frank Graham, who'd fought with the Canadian 1st Division all through Sicily, Italy and Holland, found himself thunderstruck.

"When I heard they'd given up, I thought, no they don't," said Graham, 92.

The BBC announced the ceasefire the night before, on May 4, 1945, yet Graham said he'd been disappointed by rumours before.

Seven decades on, Graham was part of a sentimental parade of veterans who rolled past a reviewing stand in vintage army vehicles outside of the hotel where the capitulation was made official.

As was evident on their faces, it was a bittersweet moment for the old soldiers in this tranquil, leafy town as they mingled with actors dressed in the uniforms they used to wear and rode in trucks and jeeps they had once driven. Heavy thunder threatened Tuesday's parade and even cancelled a photo opportunity Prime Minister Stephen Harper had planned with the veterans.

> **Freedom would not be as we know it today without you.**
>
> Gen. Tom Middendorp, the Dutch chief of defence

It was far cry from the breezy, cold day in 1945 when Col.-Gen. Johannes Blaskowitz, commander of all German forces in the Netherlands and Denmark, showed up at the wrecked Hotel de Wereld.

Canadian Lt.-Gen. Charles Foulkes accepted the surrender in a simple ceremony, which was to be followed two days later by the more formal unconditional surrender of all German forces accepted by Allied supreme commander U.S. Gen. Dwight Eisenhower at Reims, France.

Despite the general ceasefire on May 5, 1945 in the Canadian sector, troops continued to die for at least three more days, said Canadian War Museum historian Jeff Noakes. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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WINNIPEG

Family of man who died during ER wait can sue

Manitoba's highest court has ruled that the family of a man who died during a 34-hour hospital emergency room wait can sue the health authority for a breach of charter and privacy rights.

Lower courts struck out the heart of the lawsuit filed by the family of Brian Sinclair, ruling his loved ones couldn't sue because those rights died with him in 2008. Lawyers for Sinclair's family argued it was absurd that the family of a man who died because he didn't receive proper care couldn't sue because he was dead.

After eight months, the Manitoba Court of Appeal said that the lawsuit should be allowed to proceed.

Vilko Zbogar, one of the family's lawyers, said the ruling has important implications for the evolution of charter law, as well as the family's pursuit of justice.

"It's important to the family to have vindication for Brian Sinclair's death and it's very important to them to hold the institutions who were responsible accountable for their conduct," he said.

> **I see no imaginable reason to borrow such a discredited and outdated principle of the common law to the modern age.**
>
> Justice Chris Mainella

The appeal court also restored the family's right to sue the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority for disclosing private health information about Sinclair after his death.

Robert Sinclair, Brian Sinclair's cousin, said the family won't stop trying to hold health authorities to account "for their shameful conduct both before and after his death."

The 45-year-old double amputee died of a treatable bladder infection caused by a blocked catheter while waiting for care at Winnipeg's Health Sciences Centre. THE CANADIAN PRESS

U.K. vote a fight to the finish

BRITISH ELECTION

Politicians in mad dash to convert the undecided

Britain's political leaders crisscrossed the country Tuesday in a frenetic last dash to convert undecided voters, with less than 48 hours to go until an election likely to produce no outright winner.

Polls put the Conservatives and Labour neck-and-neck, with neither on course for a majority in Parliament.

That means Thursday's vote will likely trigger a period of negotiations with smaller parties before a new government emerges.

Neither big party wanted to discuss that option Tuesday, with both claiming they were aiming to win.

Prime Minister David Cameron told supporters at a suburban London garden centre that momentum was behind the Conservatives.

"People can see in the end it is all about the economy and keeping the economy moving forward, and that's what we offer and that's the argument we're making in this closing stage," Cameron said.

"Lots of people are undecided and it's those that we need to convince in the closing hours," he said as he began a 36-hour journey across Britain.

The audience applauded, but Cameron was heckled by a Scottish man who said: "I'm feeling racism from you guys in your party," objecting to Tory claims about the threat posed by the separatist Scottish National Party.

Labour's Ed Miliband said voters faced a choice "between a Labour government that will put working people first or a Tory government that will only ever work for the privileged few."

Liberal Democrat leader Nick Clegg said Cameron and Miliband were kidding themselves, and only his party could prevent a period of "messy, unstable minority government."

"The last thing Britain needs is a second election before Christmas," Clegg said as he embarked on a 1,600-kilometre bus tour from Land's End in England's far southwest to the northern tip of Scotland.

Clegg hopes to play kingmaker, but his party looks set to be punished by voters after five years in coalition government with the Conservatives. They could lose half of their 59 seats.

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UK Independence Party Leader Nigel Farage, centre right, canvassing for support during a walkabout Tuesday in Sandwich, England. GARETH FULLER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

> **People can see in the end it is all about the economy moving forward.**
> British Prime Minister David Cameron

ROYALTY

Queen meets Princess Charlotte

The Queen has arrived at Kensington Palace to meet three-day-old Princess Charlotte Elizabeth Diana.

The daughter of Prince William and his wife Kate is the Queen's great-granddaughter.

The latest addition to the Royal Family is now fourth in line for the throne after Prince Charles, William and her older brother, 21-month-old Prince George.

Her middle name was chosen to honour the Queen and her third name pays tribute to Diana, the late Princess of Wales. The name Charlotte is the feminine form of Charles and is seen as a gesture toward her grandfather.

The royal couple Tuesday registered Charlotte's birth with officials who came to Kensington Palace.

William listed his occupation as "Prince of the United Kingdom" and Kate as "Princess."

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MUDSLIDE

Police recover 60 bodies

Emergency workers have recovered the bodies of 60 people — including nine foreigners — who were killed when Nepal's earthquake triggered a mudslide that buried a village in the scenic Langtang Valley popular with tourists.

Residents of the village, also called Langtang, said Tuesday that as many as 200 people could have been killed by tons of earth and mud unleashed in the devastating April 25 quake.

"The entire village was wiped out by the mudslide. There were some 60 houses there, but they were all buried under rubble. It will be impossible to recover all the bodies," said Gautam Rimal, the top government official in the Rasuwa district.

The Langtang Valley, about 60 kilometres north of Nepal's capital, Kathmandu, is now about a two-day hike from the nearest town because the landslide has blocked nearby roads.

While helicopters allow easy access, they remain in short supply because of aid missions across parts of Nepal.

The April 25 earthquake killed more than 7,500 people and injured more than 14,000 as it flattened mountain villages and destroyed buildings and archaeological sites in Kathmandu.

Authorities say up to one-third of Kathmandu's residents have left since the quake. In the first days, bus stations were jammed with people fearing aftershocks or trying to get home to relatives in devastated villages. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Video shows migrants fleeing stricken dinghy

MEDITERRANEAN

Several feared drowned, as many travellers cannot swim

Young men piled over each other, some shimmying up ropes dangling from the towering rescue ship and others falling into the churning sea. Women and children were the last off the stricken dinghy during a chaotic Mediterranean rescue in which at least five migrants died and more were feared drowned.

Dramatic footage shot by a seaman aboard the Maltese freighter showed the weekend rescue of more than 100 West Africans aboard the flimsy boat off the coast of Libya. Survivors were brought Tuesday to the Sicilian port of Catania.

The video highlights the danger of marine rescue, where safety and tragedy too often lie just moments apart. With tens of thousands trying to cross the sea on small boats launched by human traffickers from Libya — and hundreds dying in the attempt — the question of how best to save migrants from drowning has taken centre stage in Europe.

Crew members interviewed by The Associated Press said everyone aboard the cargo ship Zeran had undergone rescue training. But while a previous rescue several weeks ago happened calmly without any loss of life, on Sunday elation at the prospect of being saved quickly turned to panic.

Dramatic footage emerged Tuesday showing a Mediterranean Sea rescue of migrants on a sinking rubber boat. The migrants desperately clamber up ropes and a ladder from the cargo ship Zeran that came to their aid in the sea between Libya and Sicily on Sunday. Five bodies were recovered and brought ashore Tuesday along with the survivors. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Unaware that they would be thrown a ladder, frantic migrants trampled over one another to reach the ropes that were meant to hold it in place, with some dangling precariously as they clambered along the lines to reach the tall freighter.

> **Someone grabbed onto the rope. All the other people started pushing to try to save themselves, but the people started falling in the water.**
> Astoy Fall Dia, 24, a migrant from Senegal

Some jumped or fell overboard to catch lifesavers tossed into the water by crew members. Others emptied jerry cans of gasoline to use as floats, as the dinghy — already deflated at the front — began taking in water.

"Easy! Easy!" implored a crew member from Zeran's deck.

"There was the big ship there, and they threw down ropes," Astoy Fall Dia, a 24 year-old migrant from Senegal, told The Associated Press after disembarking from the cargo ship.

"Someone grabbed onto the rope. All the other people started pushing to try to save themselves but the people started falling in the water."

Dia said she survived because she stayed close to the dinghy and because she knew how to swim — unlike most of the migrants who come from poor African countries.

Five bodies were recovered from inside the dinghy, floating amid garbage and water that had seeped in, though it wasn't clear if they died in the final rush to be rescued, as one crew member maintained, or during the crossing.

At least another five to nine people fell into the water and drowned, said the seaman who shot the video, though one man floating away with the current and clinging to a lifesaver was rescued by crew on a Zeran lifeboat.

The seaman and other crew members spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak to the media.

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TEXAS

ISIL takes responsibility for attack, experts raise doubts

Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) claimed responsibility Tuesday for the assault on a Texas cartoon contest that featured images of the Prophet Muhammad, but counterterrorism experts said ISIL has a history of asserting involvement in attacks in which it had no operational role.

That suggests the two gunmen could have carried out their own lone wolf-style strike before they were shot and killed at the scene of Sunday's shooting in the Dallas suburb of Garland.

Federal officials identified the pair as Elton Simpson and Nadir Soofi, both Americans who lived in Phoenix. Federal authorities had been scrutinizing Simpson's social media presence recently but had no indication he was plotting an attack, said one federal official familiar with the investigation.

Rep. Michael McCaul, chairman of the House Homeland Security Committee, said a Twitter account linked to Simpson included images of Anwar Awlaki, a radical cleric killed in a CIA drone strike in Yemen.

Among the hashtags used by the account was "#texasattack." And one of the final tweets was: "May Allah accept us as mujahideen," or holy warriors.

"Was he on the radar? Sure he was," McCaul said from Turkey, where he was leading a congressional delegation.

The evidence does not indicate the attack was directed by ISIL, "but rather inspired by them," said McCaul, who was briefed on the investigation by federal law enforcement officials. "This is the textbook case of what we're most concerned about."

White House press secretary Josh Earnest said U.S. officials are working to counter terrorist efforts to use social media to radicalize individuals in the United States.

ISIL recently urged those in the United States, Europe and Australia who cannot safely travel to fight in Syria and Iraq to carry out jihad in the countries where they live. An audio statement on the extremist group's Al Bayan radio station called the men "two soldiers of the caliphate." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ISRAEL

PM Netanyahu scrambles to form governing coalition

With the clock ticking, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu raced to put together a governing coalition Tuesday or face the prospect of being forced out of office by a former ally.

Netanyahu's Likud Party won March 17 elections, emerging as the largest single party in parliament. But he has had a tough time striking deals with other parties to secure a 61-seat majority in the 120-seat parliament. If he fails by the end of the day Wednesday, President Reuven Rivlin must give someone else the job.

His efforts hit a snag Monday when a key ally, Foreign Minister Avigdor Lieberman, unexpectedly resigned and announced his secular nationalist Yisrael Beitenu party was joining the opposition. By late Tuesday, Netanyahu had deals with three partners controlling 53 seats. They include Kulanu, a centrist party focused on economic issues, and two ultra-Orthodox religious parties.

With the deadline approaching, Netanyahu negotiated Tuesday with the hawkish Jewish Home Party. The party, linked to the West Bank settler movement, is led by Naftali Bennett, a former Netanyahu aide who now has a rocky relationship with him. Bennett reportedly was driving a hard bargain, seeking the prestigious job of foreign minister for himself and the job of justice minister for a party member. Israeli media reported Bennett is fuming over Netanyahu's deals with the ultra-Orthodox parties giving them ministerial power over religious services.

Even if they reach a deal, Netanyahu would have the slimmest of majorities, with just 61 seats, leaving him vulnerable. A narrow coalition would have a difficult time passing economic reforms favoured by Kulanu. It also would be averse to peace moves with the Palestinians and likely favour expanded settlement construction, putting it on a collision course with the international community.

Parliament speaker Yuli Edelstein of Likud warned on Israel's Channel 2 television station that such a government would not be effective or last long.

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CINCO DE MAYO BATTLE OF PUEBLA Residents dressed as Zacapoaxtla Indians, left, and French soldiers, right, clash during a reenactment of the Battle of Puebla during Cinco de Mayo celebrations in Mexico City, Tuesday.
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IMPROVED RELATIONS

U.S. approves first ferry to Cuba in decades

The Obama administration approved the first ferry service in decades between the United States and Cuba on Tuesday, potentially opening a new path for the hundreds of thousands of people and hundreds of millions of dollars in goods that travel between Florida and Havana each year.

Baja Ferries, which operates passenger service in Mexico, said it received a licence from the U.S. Treasury Department.

Robert Muse, a lawyer for Baja Ferries, said he believed other ferry service petitions had also been approved. The Treasury Department said it could not immediately confirm that, but the Sun-Sentinel newspaper in Florida said approvals also were received by Havana Ferry Partners of Fort Lauderdale, United Caribbean Lines Florida in the Orlando area and Airline Brokers Co. of Miami.

Muse said Baja had yet to request approval from Cuba, but added that he was optimistic the service would allow a significant increase in trade and travel between the two countries.

The Cuban government made no immediate comment on the news and it is far from clear that it is willing or able to allow a major new channel for the movement of goods and people between the two countries. "I think it's a further indication of the seriousness of the Obama administration in normalizing relations with Cuba," said Muse, an expert on U.S. law on Cuba. "We're now going from the theoretical to the very specific."

Before Cuba's 1959 revolution, ferries ran daily between Florida and Cuba, bringing American tourists to Havana's hotels and casinos and allowing Cubans to take overnight trips to the U.S. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

California drought target missed

WATER

Governor's conservation goal wasn't met in March

Californians conserved little water in March and local officials were not aggressive in cracking down on waste, state regulators reported Tuesday, saying residents and communities again fell short of Gov. Jerry Brown's voluntary water savings target.

The State Water Resources Control Board received the update as it considers sweeping mandatory emergency drought regulations to protect water supplies in the parched state.

Brown has argued that the voluntary targets were insufficient and that Californians needed a jolt to take conservation seriously.

A survey of local water departments released at the start of the two-day meeting shows water use fell less than 4 per cent in March compared with the same month in 2013. Overall savings have been only about 9 per cent since last summer, even though Brown set a voluntary 20 per cent target.

Lush lawns and verdant landscapes are first on the chopping block under the rules being considered, which would bar cities from using drinking-quality water on street median grass and encourage homeowners to let lawns go brown to meet local mandatory water reduction targets.

Those conservation targets are among the most contentious provisions of the proposed rules.

The board plans to order each city to cut water use by as much as 36 per cent compared to 2013, the year before the governor declared a drought emergency.

The regulations before the board would also ban new California homes and buildings from watering lawns unless they meet new efficiency standards. With public comments, a vote on the rules might not come until Wednesday.

The board has already adopted other water restrictions: Californians cannot water lawns two days after rainfall, wash cars with hoses that don't shut off or hose down pavement, hotels must offer guests a chance to reuse sheets and towels and restaurants can only serve water upon request.
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Bring in feds to reform Baltimore police: Critics

U.S.

LAPD was improved after 1992 riots, says law school dean

Months before a young black man died of the broken neck he suffered during what Baltimore's top prosecutor called an illegal arrest, the city's mayor and police commissioner said the department needed reform and asked the U.S. Justice Department for help reviewing officer misconduct.

Now that Freddie Gray is buried, six officers are charged in his death and an uneasy calm has returned to the streets, critics are wondering whether city leaders are capable of implementing the change the city needs without the direct, intensive oversight that comes with a full-fledged civil rights investigation resulting in a federal consent decree.

Democratic Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake has already pushed back against this possibility, saying it would deprive Baltimore's leaders from having a say in fighting crime in one of the nation's most violent major cities, with more than 200 homicides a year.

"Nobody wants the Department of Justice to come and take over our city," she said last week.

U.S. Attorney General Loretta Lynch was in Baltimore on Tuesday to meet with Gray's family and faith leaders. Justice Department officials accompanying her included the head of the civil rights division, Vanita Gupta.

Baltimore's leaders should welcome federal oversight, because it's doubtful any police department can fix itself from within, said Erwin Chemerinsky, the dean of the University of California-Irvine School of Law.

Consent decrees have been mostly effective since Congress responded to the Rodney King beating in Los Angeles by granting the Justice Department the power in 1994 to sue police departments for civil rights violations. Los Angeles went through it, and proved that it works, said Chemerinsky, who has studied reform efforts there.

"I think that there is less likelihood of excessive force today, less racist policing today in Los Angeles, than prior to the consent decree," he said.

The Justice Department has negotiated settlements with 21 other police departments since then; Seattle and New Orleans are currently under consent decrees, and Cleveland's police department is negotiating one.

Justice officials are also negotiating with the department in Ferguson, Missouri, where an officer's shooting of 18-year-old Michael Brown sparked a national debate about use of force by police against blacks. The federal civil rights investigation in Ferguson found patterns of racial bias and discriminatory law enforcement tactics.

A consent decree is a form of negotiated settlement with the Justice Department that averts a civil-rights lawsuit. Police departments agree to implement a series of reforms under the watch of an independent monitor.

The Justice Department already announced a separate federal probe of Gray's death. And a broad civil rights investigation would not begin unless federal authorities conclude the ongoing voluntary review is insufficient.

Federal consent decrees also create new challenges. It can take more than a decade for police departments to satisfy their requirements, and meanwhile, expenses add up: It can cost tens of millions of dollars to retrain officers, hire new ones and modify use-of-force policies.

"Cities don't want to invest their scarce resources in the costly process of reforming a police department," said Stephen Rushin, a visiting assistant professor of law at the University of Illinois who is working on a book about police reform.

"Typically, it takes away from investments in schools, roads, parks, other things the city is going to value."

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U.S. Attorney General Loretta Lynch, left, shakes hands with Baltimore police officers during a visit to the Central District of Baltimore Police Department on Tuesday.

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> Baltimore Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake

BACKGROUND

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CLEVELAND

Killer cop faces 22 years

A patrolman charged in the deaths of two unarmed people in a 137-shot barrage of police gunfire acted unreasonably when he stood on the hood of their car and fired into the windshield when they were no longer a threat, prosecutors said Tuesday in closing arguments.

The defense countered that the pursuit and shooting were based on a belief that one occupant of the car had fired a gun and was shooting at officers when the high-speed chase ended in a school parking lot in November 2002.

Michael Brelo, 31, faces a maximum sentence of 22 years in prison if convicted on two counts of voluntary manslaughter in the deaths of driver Timothy Russell and passenger Malissa Williams. The judge who is deciding Brelo's case has said he likely will not deliver a verdict before May 15.

The chase began after an officer standing outside police headquarters in downtown Cleveland mistakenly thought that someone had fired a gun when it sped by. Experts later concluded Russell's car had backfired.

More than 100 officers in 62 police cars were involved in the chase, which stretched over 35 km and reached speeds of 160 km/h. Thirteen officers fired a total of 137 rounds at the car that night but only Brelo was charged criminally.

Brelo, who did not testify at trial, told investigators more than a week after the shooting that he did not remember standing on the hood of the suspects' car. An officer who was a rookie in 2012 told investigators and testified at trial that Brelo said he stood on the hood hours after the shooting.

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COLORADO THEATRE MASSACRE

Killer asked if any kids hurt

A newlywed woman who was wounded in the Colorado theatre massacre testified Tuesday that when the shooting began, she told her husband she loved him because she feared they wouldn't survive.

"I didn't know if it was the last time I would be able to do so," Denise Axelrod told the jury.

Axelrod testified in the sixth day of the trial of James Holmes, who is charged with killing 12 people and injuring 70 in the July 2012 attack.

Holmes pleaded not guilty by reason of insanity. His attorneys have acknowledged he was the shooter but say he has schizophrenia and didn't know right from wrong.

Prosecutors maintain Holmes was sane. They're seeking the death penalty.

On Monday, jurors watched a video of Holmes after the attack asking detectives, "There weren't any children hurt, were there?"

The video shows detectives interviewing a dazed-sounding Holmes at police headquarters about two hours after the shooting.

The detectives don't answer Holmes directly about children but say, "We'll get to that." One of the 12 people killed was 6-year-old Veronica Moser-Sullivan.

Detective Chuck Mehl testified later that Holmes saw a sign for the Crimes Against Children Unit in police headquarters while he was being taken to the interview room, which might have prompted the question.

Some of Holmes' interview answers are odd. Asked if he needs anything, he says, "Oxygen." The detectives ask if he is having trouble breathing or wants a fan, but he says no.

When asked how to spell "Holmes," he answers, "Like Sherlock." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BOSTON BOMBER TRIAL

Tsarnaev fights death penalty

Dzhokhar Tsarnaev's lawyers called a Russian historian and a psychiatrist to the stand Tuesday in a bid to save the Boston Marathon bomber from the death penalty by portraying him as the product of a dysfunctional family from a turbulent corner of the world.

Dr. Alexander Niss, a psychiatrist who treated Tsarnaev's father from 2003 to 2005, said he diagnosed the elder Tsarnaev with post-traumatic stress disorder after he reported being tortured in a Russian camp during the Chechen wars with Russia in the 1990s.

Niss said Anzor Tsarnaev, a Chechen, showed typical symptoms of PTSD, including anxiety, panic attacks, flashbacks and paranoia. He said Tsarnaev also complained of headaches, dizziness, nosebleeds and other physical ailments, and during one phase of his treatment, was going to the emergency room almost every day.

Niss took the stand during the penalty phase of Dzhokhar Tsarnaev's trial, during which the jury will decide whether the 21-year-old former college student should get the death penalty or life in prison for the 2013 bombing that killed three people and wounded more than 260.

The defence told jurors earlier that both of Tsarnaev's parents were diagnosed with mental illness.

Tsarnaev's lawyers are hoping his background — combined with their claim that he was heavily influenced by his radical older brother, Tamerlan — will convince the jury he does not deserve a death sentence. Tamerlan, 26, was killed days after the bombing during a getaway attempt.

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Human trafficking camps discovered

A forensic police officer collects items left at an abandoned migrant camp on Khao Kaew Mountain near the Thai-Malaysian border in Padang Besar, Songkhla province, southern Thailand, Tuesday. SAKCHAI LALIT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

THAILAND

'Thriving' slave trade embarrasses authorities

Police found two more camps Tuesday believed to have held human trafficking victims in southern Thailand — one recently abandoned and the other containing a buried skeleton — days after the grim discovery of 26 bodies at a separate location exposed a thriving human smuggling network in the country.

"We will keep searching, because this means the traffickers are still on the run and taking people with them," said police Maj. Gen. Amphon Buarubporn, the commander of police for Songkla province, who joined dozens of officers in a trek up Khao Kaew mountain followed by reporters and camera crews. Teams of police dismantled the camp's eight huts and shelters made of freshly cut wood, where a cellphone charger and clothing were strewn about in signs of an apparent recent evacuation.

Tuesday's discovery was part of a mission to find survivors — or bodies — that activists say are hidden in the mountains, five days after authorities dug up the 26 corpses at a nearby camp along the Thai-Malaysian border. Authorities say the camps are believed to have been used by a transnational network that smuggled ethnic Rohingya Muslims from Myanmar and migrants from Bangladesh and then abused them and held them captive until their families could pay ransoms.

Separately, in Phang Nga province, a skeleton was found in a mangrove forest and was believed to be the remains of an ethnic Rohingya woman, said Gov. Prayoon Rattanasenee, who was led to the location by a Rohingya who said there were more camps in the area.

The coastal province is one of several known entry points used to smuggle Rohingya, who often flee Myanmar in overcrowded boats, into Thailand.

The discoveries have publicly shamed Thailand, which is already under pressure from the United States and the European Union to crack down on human trafficking. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

HISTORY

Ethnic Rohingya Muslims are one of the world's most persecuted minorities. They have suffered for decades from state-sanctioned discrimination in Myanmar, which is predominantly Buddhist, and in the past few years have been targeted by mob attacks that sparked one of the region's biggest exoduses since the Vietnam War.
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MASSACHUSETTS

Nanny's murder trial delayed

An Irish nanny charged with killing a 1-year-old Massachusetts girl in her care more than two years ago was released on bail Tuesday while authorities review medical evidence.

A Middlesex Superior Court agreed to set bail at $15,000 for Aisling Brady McCarthy, who has been jailed since being charged. She will be confined to home and have to wear a GPS monitor and surrender her passport.

McCarthy's attorney, Melinda Thompson, said her client was emotional on hearing that she would be released.

"She just cried," Thompson said.

The lawyer added that McCarthy will obey all conditions of her release and would be staying with family while awaiting developments in the case.

McCarthy's trial has been postponed indefinitely as the state medical examiner reviews a finding that Rehma Sabir died of traumatic head injuries and that her January 2013 death was a homicide.

McCarthy was living illegally in the U.S. and taking care of the baby in the family's Cambridge home. She has pleaded not guilty.

Judge Maureen Hogan said her decision to grant bail was partly based on assurances from federal immigration officials that if McCarthy wore a GPS monitor, she would still be considered in state custody and they would not move to have her deported back to Ireland.

Aisling Brady McCarthy arrives for her bail hearing at Middlesex Superior Court in Woburn, Mass., Tuesday.
JOSH REYNOLDS/ THE BOSTON GLOBE VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS, POOL

Despite those assurances, prosecutors argued at Tuesday's hearing that McCarthy remained a flight risk because of her ties to Ireland and the severity of the sentence — life in prison with no chance for parole — she would face if convicted.

Middlesex District Attorney Marian Ryan said defendants charged with first-degree murder are usually held without bail.

The coroner's review of the case, which the judge noted was unusual, was expected to take at least another month, prosecutors said.

A doctor hired by the prosecution has changed his opinion on the timing of bone fractures that the baby sustained in the weeks before her death. Those injuries were now believed to have occurred about five to six weeks before death. The defence contends the baby was not in McCarthy's care at that time so she could not have inflicted the prior injuries. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Le Pen fights for political survival in family feud

FRANCE

Far-right party co-founder pushed out by his daughter

Jean-Marie Le Pen said Tuesday he's ashamed that his daughter, party chief Marine Le Pen, bears his name. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Little by little, the president of France's far-right National Front and top lieutenants have tried to silence the party founder, pushing him from the inner circle, refusing to back him in elections and now, in the culmination of an ugly political dispute that began as a family feud, suspending his membership.

But the 86-year-old Jean-Marie Le Pen, a disruptive force in French politics for decades, is refusing to disappear. He said Tuesday he is ashamed his daughter, party chief Marine Le Pen, bears his name.

"Get married. That would allow you to change your name. It would ease my conscience," was his message to his daughter 12 hours after the party's executive bureau suspended him for repeating anti-Semitic comments for which he was once convicted.

The very public father-daughter dispute has escalated into a political drama that reflects a new era for the National Front, which sees itself as France's leading party, and the slow demise of the man who created it and grew it into a feared political force and kingmaker in French elections.

The anti-immigration National Front, co-founded by Jean-Marie Le Pen in 1972 under the banner "French first," has been setting the political tone for decades, forcing the themes of security and immigration onto the agendas of mainstream political leaders. Le Pen reached the final round in 2002 presidential elections, shocking the world.

Now, daughter Marine Le Pen wants to win in 2017. She is modernizing the party, pushing out old-guard followers of her father and banning any reference to anti-Semitism.

The latest flap came after Jean-Marie Le Pen repeated that Nazi gas chambers were a "detail" in the history of the Second World War and praised Philippe Petain, head of France's Vichy government, which collaborated with the Nazis.

Still, Marine Le Pen rails against the "Islamization" of France and echoes other themes dear to her father.

"This signals a change of generations," far-right expert Jean-Yves Camus said in a telephone interview. "The basic program remains absolutely identical to what it always was."

Jean-Marie Le Pen, the last French politician of his generation still active, could lose his cherished title of honorary president for life, conferred at a 2010 party congress in which he anointed his daughter as his successor. Within three months, the party will sound out its members on stripping it from him. Le Pen cannot be removed from his seat in the European Parliament.

Last month, he was pressed into giving up his plans to run in regional elections in December in southern France, where he is a popular figure.

His 25-year-old granddaughter, Marion Marechal-Le Pen, one of two party lawmakers who side with the elder Le Pen's conservative stance, stepped in to replace him. But in a measure of the turmoil, she said on Tuesday that she had done so as a peacemaker and now was reconsidering her candidacy.

"I don't want to be taken hostage by Jean-Marie Le Pen," she said.

There is no measure to exclude Le Pen forever from the party, which some say would be unthinkable.

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National Front founder Jean-Marie Le Pen, in a message to his daughter

DIPLOMACY

Kerry visits Somalia

Two decades after dead American soldiers were dragged through the streets of Mogadishu, John Kerry on Tuesday became the first secretary of state to set foot in Somalia, a symbolic visit to show support for the African nation's fledgling government and the United States' readiness to move past a dark chapter in its history.

But as Kerry vowed to deepen America's partnership with a new cadre of Somali leaders, the fact that he never left the airport underscored just how dangerous and unstable Somalia remains after a quarter-century of civil war.

Before returning to Kenya, the top U.S. diplomat stayed a little more than three hours, meeting with Somalia's president and prime minister and several regional chiefs and civil-society groups. It was enough time, he said, to see the resiliency of a people determined to reclaim their future from the terrorists and militias that plunged Somalia into what had seemed an endless cycle of conflict. He promised American help along the path of recovery.

"More than 20 years ago, the United States was forced to pull back from your country," Kerry said, invoking the "Black Hawk Down" debacle when 18 servicemen died after Somali militiamen shot down two U.S. helicopters and a subsequent rescue mission failed. "Now we are returning."

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In this December 2013 file photo, a reporter uses his smartphone during a presentation for the new Google cultural institute in Paris. Today, more Google search requests are being made on mobile devices than on personal computers in the U.S. and many other parts of the world. JACQUES BRINON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Searches on mobile devices surpass PCs

TECHNOLOGY

Smartphones the new status quo in how we get information

Google's search engine has hit a tipping point in technology's shift to smartphones. More search requests are being made on mobile devices than on personal computers in the U.S. and many other parts of the world.

The shift, which began with Apple's release of the iPhone in 2007, rocked PC makers and other tech companies such as Microsoft with businesses tied to sales of desktop and laptop computers. Google has adapted better than most companies, partly because its services are embedded in the popular Android mobile operating system, but it hasn't been totally unscathed.

Google's average ad prices have been declining for the past three-and-a-half years, partly because marketers so far have been unwilling to pay as much for the commercial message displayed on the smaller screens of smartphones. The company, though, says mobile ad prices have been steadily climbing and will continue to do so as marketers recognize the value of being able to connect with prospective customers at the precise moment that they are looking for a place to eat, or comparing products on a smartphone while standing in a store.

"The future of mobile is now," says Jerry Dischler, a Google Inc. vice-president in charge of the company's AdWords service for creating online marketing campaigns. THE CANADIAN PRESS

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

CRTC rules to limit roaming charges

Canada's telecom regulator is rejigging the regime for wholesale wireless roaming rates in the hopes that the changes will eventually lead to lower charges for consumers.

The Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) released a decision Tuesday that limits the roaming rates the three biggest wireless carriers charge smaller carriers to piggyback on their networks for five years.

In its decision, the CRTC also asked the Conservative government to repeal legislation that currently limits what small carriers can charge the big players to use their wireless networks.

The decision unravels provisions imposed by the federal government last year, but the intention of the new framework is the same: to give smaller players the ability to expand.

"The measures that we are putting in place today in the wireless market will ensure that Canadians continue to have more choice as well as innovative, high-quality services," said CRTC chairman Jean-Pierre Blais.

Industry Minister James Moore praised the ruling.

"Today's decision will create greater competition in the wireless sector," he said in a statement.

"We know that more competition means more choice, lower prices and better services for Canadian consumers." THE CANADIAN PRESS

REBUTTAL

Decision carries negative implications, says expert

While the government's control over roaming rates could lower wireless costs, Martin Masse, senior editor at the Montreal Economic Institute, feels it will negatively affect the growth of Canada's telecommunications industry.

"Essentially it's not sustainable competition," he said. "We get less investment because it's cheaper to depend on mandated access." THE CANADIAN PRESS

IN BRIEF

WestJet turns quarterly profit

Higher fees for things like checked luggage helped generate record profits for WestJet in the first quarter. The airline's net income rose 58 per cent to $140.7 million in the first three months of the year. Fuel costs, which are a quarter of its expenses, dropped 26 per cent as fuel prices fell. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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This is the number, by 2014, of surviving Second World War veterans in Canada. Their average age: 90. Consider the number of Afghanistan vets — about 40,000 — to understand the scale of the country's sacrifice in the conflict that ended with victory in Europe 70 years ago. Just before 12 a.m. on May 8, 1945, world leaders signed Germany's Instrument of Surrender in Berlin, concluding the six-year war that involved 1,159,000 Canadian military personnel, wounded 55,000 and killed 44,090.

Producing power at home should be worth our while

THE SCIENCE
Stephanie Orford

On Thursday, Tesla Motors CEO Elon Musk announced the company's latest foray into renewable-energy technology: the Tesla Powerwall, a wall-mounted battery for homes or businesses to store energy for later use.

This could be the beginning of a new energy future for Canada and the world. And at about $3,000-$3,500 US for a Powerwall, plus wiring and installation, they're attainable for many homeowners. The batteries can be recycled using Tesla's program for its existing electric vehicle batteries. Canadian firm NRStor plans to start selling Powerwalls in Canada in 2016.

Canadian policy-makers and energy utilities need to harness the green-power generation and storage potential of Canadian households by giving middle-class Canadians incentives, such as tax credits and feed-in tariffs, to produce and store green energy. The cost of solar panels has dropped a hundredfold since 1977, with wind and other renewables following suit, making household energy harvesting increasingly appealing to Canadians who want to live green while reducing their costs.

"The decentralization of energy is where the future is going," says Jesika Briones, business development manager at the Advanced Energy Centre.

Currently there are lots of limitations on Canadians who want to generate their own electricity. Canada has put tariffs on Chinese solar panels, making them more expensive and harder to import. B.C., Quebec and other provinces allow net metering (when property owners provide the grid with home-generated renewable energy, in exchange for a reduced bill). Only Ontario actually pays people who feed the grid.

That incentive encourages people to generate as much green energy as they can, because they'll get paid for it. A country of green energy-generating households could power industry and public facilities without as much need for fossil fuels. In 2012, fossil fuels still made up 74 per cent of Canada's energy consumption, the World Bank says.

A home battery system is "the missing piece," as Tesla calls it, to our green future. It will let households buy from the grid at off-peak hours when it's least expensive and sell to the grid at peak hours when it's most needed. Versions of this arrangement are already in place in Germany and some American states.

According to a 2013 National Academy of Sciences study of electric vehicle batteries, when you use renewable electricity to charge them, the results are still better for the environment than fossil fuels.

"Combined with solar PV (photovoltaics, a solar-energy technology), Tesla has made energy independence not only more accessible but also more desirable," Briones said.

A home battery, Tesla says, is the missing piece to our green future.

The new energy market would create jobs and opportunities for Canadian companies to innovate. A few, like electronics maker Eguana Technologies and green-battery company Electrovaya, are already on the forefront. But we need more incentives before household green-power generation and storage can go viral.

Stephanie Orford is a Vancouver-based writer. The Science appears every other Wednesday.

ROSEMARY WESTWOOD
metroview

A Kardashian selfie book: give the people what they want

There's a lot of blustering in the media about Kim Kardashian's already bestselling book and plenty of feigned surprise at its popularity.

But that just shows how often the media speaks from the pulpit and not the crowd.

Kardashian's new book of selfies, Selfish, has caused so much wheezing on narcissism that holier-than-thou writers must be hoarse by now.

They're wasting their breath. Kardashian is only an expert manipulator of the fame our society gleefully hands her.

Hundreds of fans camped outside a New York bookstore Tuesday — including two 21-year-old women who drove all the way from Washington — to get an autograph scrawled across this photographic memoir of parties, workouts and nudes.

Meanwhile, the media has lined up to gawk at Selfish's hubris, a reaction notably absent to Chloë Sevigny's recent photography book, called Chloë Sevigny, featuring photos of her and released by the same publisher.

In his review, the Guardian's critic revelled in describing Kardashian's "carnal fullness" and "curvaceous flesh."

Jonathan Jones deemed it "guilt-free looking" and he equated Selfish to the end of photography as art.

"Selfish is the final grave marker of that aesthetic delusion," Jones wrote.

At least he defended celebrity selfies. They give "an illusion of intimacy that is priceless in an age that cherishes authenticity."

Others, distressed by her fame, have gone straight for Kardashian's jugular. As the Toronto Star's Vinay Menon wrote: "This is a woman with Type V blood, as in vanity."

Menon mocked her lack of talent and her use of the word "skank" in her earlier attempt at writing, in the novel Dollhouse.

"I have no answers today, people," he wrote in the voice of a doomsday preacher. "Just an unsettling, irrational feeling that soon, very soon, the skanks will be coming for all of us."

Well now, that doesn't sound so bad. But come on, branding her a "skank" is not a very sophisticated take on the sex appeal that drives her fame. It's a sexist slur that paints all cleavage selfies with the same skank brush.

It also accuses Kardashian of somehow hoodwinking 31.5 million Instagram followers into loving her. She's only feeding our own hunger for titillation. She's unapologetic about flaunting her body, and I can respect that.

"Look at my boobies! Look at my butt!" John McMurtrie wrote in a mock-Kardashian voice in the San Francisco Chronicle.

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CHRISTOPHER LLOYD

Actor talks perks of indies ahead of new film, Back to the Future anniversary

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Christopher Lloyd and director April Mullen on the set of the Canadian-made crime thriller 88. CONTRIBUTED

It's a big year for character actor Christopher Lloyd. After all, a film he made decades ago is having a rebirth of sorts. With the 30th anniversary of Back to the Future approaching this fall, there are a number of celebrations, documentaries and tributes planned.

"I don't keep up that well with it. I don't keep up that well with anything," laughed the 76-year-old star recently. "(But) films don't usually have that, so I'm embracing it."

And so he should be. After all, the 1985 time-travel comedy that spawned two hit sequels was not only a success in its day, but it also has only seemed to gather more fans as the years advanced. In fact, Family Guy creator Seth McFarlane was such an admirer he asked Lloyd to make a cameo appearance as his "Doc" Brown character in last year's hit comedy A Million Ways to Die in the West.

"So many people have come up to me and said they grew up with Back to the Future; that it shaped their lives to the extent that they chose to be an engineer or a physicist or something along those lines because of the effect of the films," admitted Lloyd. "It feels good to be part of something that's meant so much to so many people.

Indeed, with Doc Brown, the comedy's excitable, white-haired inventor, Lloyd has crafted one of cinema's most iconic figures. So unquestionably, he must be looking forward to "participating in some of these events" to celebrate it. First, however, he is just as eager to discuss his unlikely casting in the Canadian-made crime thriller 88.

"Here was a guy that nobody has given me an opportunity to be so I just jumped on it," explained Lloyd of the film in which he plays a crime boss at the centre of one woman's quest to score revenge for her lover's death.

"Whether it's a dramatic role, farce or comedy or melodrama, I have the same task — to make the character real so when the audience sees me, they understand and relate," said Lloyd of 88's seedy strip-club character. "That's kind of what I do regardless of the type of character it is."

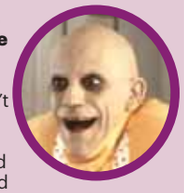
While that range has assured Lloyd of an endearing on-screen longevity in Hollywood ever since his debut in 1975's classic One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest, the veteran actor now insists he looks forward as much to the freedom that comes with making indie projects like 88 as he does blockbuster hits like Back to the Future.

"It's nice getting away from Hollywood," admitted Lloyd. "You do a film in Hollywood and men in suits are hovering; they're there second-guessing you and it's good to get away, be independent and feel relaxed."

88 screens across Canada on Wednesday as part of Canadian Indie Film Series.

HIS FAVE ROLES

Over four decades, Christopher Lloyd has starred in more than 100 films and series. We reflect on just three of his most famous roles:

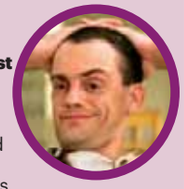


The Addams Family (Uncle Fester):

"At first I didn't see how it could be because I'm kind of tall, I'm kind of slim and Fester's a sight gag," recalled Lloyd. "If I'm channel-surfing and one of The Addams Family films comes up, I don't move any further — I just sit there and enjoy it."

Back to the Future ("Doc" Brown):

"I loved his excitement about discovery. Doc Brown has got a head that is constantly coming out with new ways to do things," said Lloyd. "He fell down in his bathroom one day and hit his head on the toilet seat and, bang — he (invents) the flux capacitor. That's so cool!"



One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest (Taber):

"It was my first film," said Lloyd. "Jack Nicholson was a big idol of mine before Cuckoo's Nest from his previous work (and) I couldn't believe it. It was just a momentous moment in my life."

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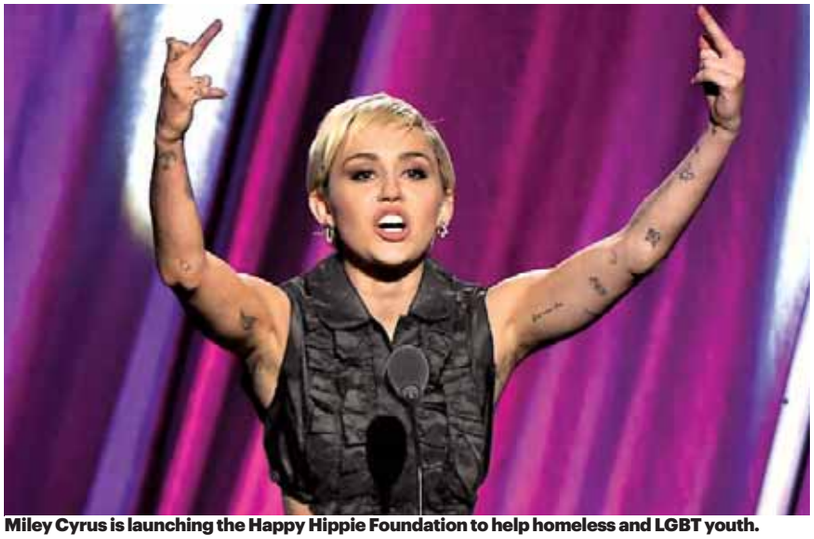

Miley Cyrus is launching the Happy Hippie Foundation to help homeless and LGBT youth. GETTY IMAGES

Miley's badass 'tude all part of her plan

LGBT FOUNDATION

While you're ogling her, Cyrus is going to 'totally hustle you'

Posting pics of her pink armpits isn't just to be scandalous, says Cyrus. INSTAGRAM

When Miley Cyrus wears pasties or posts photos of her pink armpits, it's not to be a provocateur. The 22-year-old says she's just being herself, and she wants all young people to have that same opportunity.

That's why she's launching the Happy Hippie Foundation to help homeless and LGBT youth, adding that not all her past relationships were "straight, heterosexual" ones. Cyrus didn't elaborate.

"The position I'm in, I feel like I've got a lot of power," she said in a Monday phone interview. "But so many kids don't feel that way. They're under their parents' rule."

Cyrus, who famously asked a homeless man to accept her Video of the Year trophy at the 2014 Video Music Awards, said she was inspired by the attention generated by that gesture. And she was further moved by the suicide of transgender teen Leelah Alcorn in December. More than 1.6 million young people are homeless in the United States, according to the National Coalition for the Homeless. Cyrus said 40 per cent identify themselves as LGBT.

An entertainer since age 14, she wants to use her fame for good. "When you have all eyes on you, what are you saying? And that's what I had to ask myself a lot," she said.

"It's like, I know you're going to look at me more if my (breasts) are out, so look at me. And then I'm going to tell you about my foundation for an hour and totally hustle you."

Cyrus is passionate about a lot of issues, from climate change to animal welfare, but said she chose to focus on youth homelessness because it's specific and tangible. Funds raised by Happy Hippie will create digital support groups for LGBT youth and their families. The foundation is also aiding My Friend's Place, a centre for homeless youth in Hollywood.

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IN MEMORIAM

Gosling raises spoon to cereal video creator

Ned Ehrbar

Ryan Gosling isn't necessarily a fan of the myriad Internet memes devoted to him, but the guy's not made of stone, OK? When he got word that Ryan McHenry, the Vine user who popularized the bizarre Ryan Gosling Won't Eat his Cereal videos, had passed away this week after a two-year battle with cancer, Gosling sprung into action, posting his own Vine featuring him finally — finally! — eating some cereal.

Ryan Gosling VINE SCREENGRAB

"My heart goes out to all of Ryan McHenry's family and friends," Gosling tweeted. "Feel very lucky to have been apart of his life in some small way."

RUMOURS

There's trouble in the Jackson family

Paris Jackson. GETTY IMAGES

Michael Jackson's oldest kids, Paris and Prince, are reportedly no longer speaking with each other, according to Radar Online. "Paris is barely even speaking to her older brother Prince," a source says.

"She cannot tolerate her brother and says that he is disgracing their father's legacy" since turning 18 and inheriting a massive fortune. Prince, it seems, has been acting out, and "this type of behaviour does not fly," with Paris, according to the source. "The family is doing everything that they can to keep Paris away from Prince because they do not want her to go down the wrong path again."

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IN BRIEF

Now Microsoft lets you flip the bird

Are you actually LOLing? Send that laughing while crying emoji. Feeling sassy? "Information desk" is your girl. So full of hate that the red-faced emoji just won't cut it? Hello, middle finger.

Said to be the first of its kind, Microsoft has bravely released the icon as part of its Windows 10 update, launching sometime mid 2015. METRO

Django Unchained actress pleads no contest for public nookie

Well, sort of. Django Unchained star Daniele Watts and her boyfriend, Brian James Lucas, were arrested last year for lewd behaviour after witnesses claimed the two were seen getting it on in a parked car. The arrest led to Watts' altercation with police that went viral, but now that things have calmed down they've reached a plea deal. Watts and Lucas have pleaded no contest to disturbing the peace in exchange for the lewd conduct charges being dropped.

NED EHRBAR/METRO

Walking Dead actor facing drunk driving charges

An actor who plays a priest on The Walking Dead is facing drunken driving and drug charges after police say he was clocked going 172 km/h on a Georgia highway.

Seth Gilliam, 46, was stopped shortly after 2 a.m. Sunday on Georgia Highway 74 in the Peachtree City area, authorities said.

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Grace Chatto, left, of Clean Bandit and guest singer Elisabeth Troy perform onstage at the Coachella festival in Indio, Calif., on April 18. MATT COWAN/GETTY IMAGES FOR COACHELLA

Clean Bandit makes good

ELECTRONIC ACT

With a Grammy under its belt, band readies for N. American tour

Emily Laurence
Metro | NYC

Fresh off debuting a new song at Coachella with Marina and the Diamonds, British electronic band Clean Bandit found out they were nominated for the prestigious Ivor Novello Awards in multiple categories, up against Sam Smith, Hozier, alt-J and George Ezra. Considering their song Rather Be already won a Grammy earlier this year for best dance recording, their chances of winning are pretty high.

Win or lose, they're gearing up to perform across North America this summer, including upcoming shows in Toronto, Montreal and the Governors Ball — New York City's buzziest summer music festival. We catch up with band member Jack Patterson.

How did you guys all meet?
We met back in university, at Cambridge. Grace (Chatto) and I actually met in the dining hall, which kind of looked like Hogwarts. It was this huge Gothic hall. We were just having dinner and I met her there and then I introduced her to my brother (band member Luke Patterson).

The band's Jack Patterson
KEVIN WINTER/GETTY IMAGES

So that was back in 2006. Is there anything about your music that is still the same and that you want to always be the same?
As long as the four of us are continuing to make music, I'm completely open to any kind of developments or changes within the way we make music, record or perform. I don't think there's anything about it that will always be the same.

Stronger sounds happy, but the lyrics are deeper than the melody lets on. What does that song mean?
It's a funny one, that one. The lyrics are talking about not being constrained and doing what is right for yourself. But that's all layered underneath this major kind of sound. For me, the music used to be much more important than the lyrics, although I did write a lot of the lyrics. At least, that's how I felt when we were first starting out.

What inspires your sound? What do you listen to?
It's weird because the music I listen to personally is quite different than the music we put out as a band. I love Radiohead and Frank Sinatra. I listen to a lot of jazz as well. All of us listen to very different types of music from each other. Grace listens to more electronic music than me, and more classical music as well.

Gearing up for the Governors Ball, what are your music festival must-haves?
Just good sunscreen and a little hip flask. Those are the things that are most required. You aren't allowed to bring drinks into the music festivals here in the States, so you have to hide them.

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MET GALA FASHION

China-themed ball brings out the best and the barely dressed

Never let it be said that Rihanna doesn't know how to make an entrance.

On a night when big stars were a dime a dozen — try George and Amal Clooney, Lady Gaga, Madonna and Cher — the pop singer still managed to steal the show and conquer the red carpet at the Met Gala when she swooped in wearing a fur-trimmed yellow cape with floral swirls of gold and a train so long it required three wranglers.

The ensemble came with a little pink mini-dress underneath, and a sparkling tiara. In keeping with the evening's theme — China, and its artistic influence on the West — the outfit was designed by Beijing-based designer Guo Pei, whose sumptuous designs are on display in the current Met exhibit, China: Through the Looking Glass.

As befitting a star — or fashion royalty — Rihanna commanded premium attention on the carpet by being one of the very last to arrive. But compared to Beyoncé, she was an early bird.

Beyoncé and her husband, Jay Z, arrived so late that many photographers were giving up and leaving. She was highly photogenic, though, in a sheer, bejeweled Givenchy Haute Couture gown by Riccardo Tisci.

Deep, ruby reds, shimmery golds and other jewel tones dominated the colour scheme as the multitudes of invited celebrities embraced this year's China inspiration. There were sequins aplenty, and embroidery was everywhere.

One of the first to arrive was the gala's longtime head, Vogue editor Anna Wintour, who shimmered in an orange-and-red floral couture gown from Chanel.

She was followed by a succession of stars of film, music, fashion, TV and sports unrivalled anywhere but perhaps the Oscars.

One of the world's most watched women, Amal Clooney, arrived on her husband's arm in a tiered ruby-red gown by John Galliano.

Jennifer Lopez bared a lot more skin — actually, more than most, in a red Versace gown with sheer side panels.

Kim Kardashian opted for sheer, too, in a white gown with a feathery train by Peter Dundas for Roberto Cavalli, the designer's first for the house. Little sister Kendall Jenner opted for Calvin Klein, sparkling in green with sexy laces on each side. And Justin Bieber showed up in a black jacket slithering with gold dragons, by Balmain.

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RED HOT MAMA

Flame has gone to her head

Sarah Jessica Parker appeared in a towering red headpiece that resembled fiery flames. Designed by Philip Treacy, the headpiece bore long red tassels on each side. Parker paired the piece with a one-shoulder black gown embellished with sashes composed of pieces of vintage fabric and beads from Sweden — a collaboration with H&M and the company's Conscious Collection, which focuses on sustainable fabrics.

A regal Rihanna, left.

Trains, ruby reds and sheer gowns ruled the red carpet. Zendaya in Fausto Puglisi, left, and Jennifer Lopez in Versace, right.

Katy Perry wore Moschino and sported a new Kris Jenner-inspired pixie cut.

Solange brought the drama to this year's gala in the form of a Giles mini-dress.

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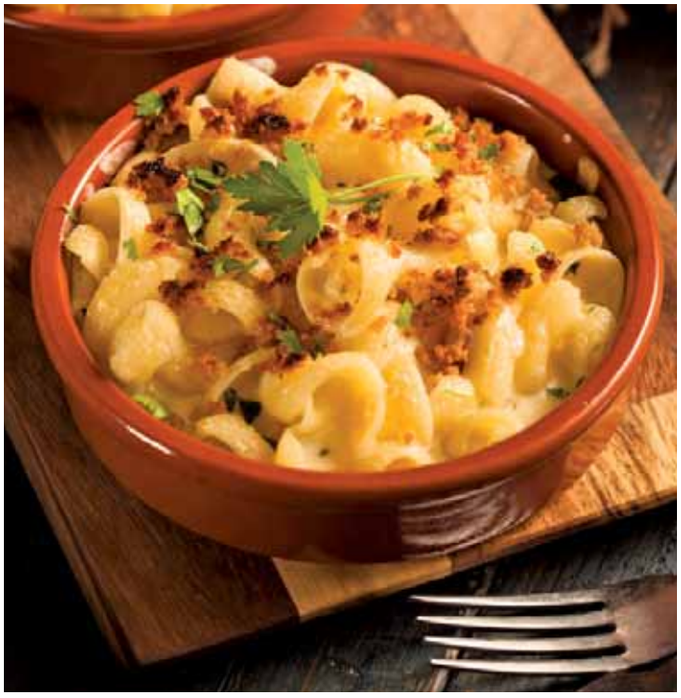

Macaroni and cheese gets a healthy overhaul made with a base of cauliflower, spinach or tomatoes . ISTOCK

WORD OF MOUTH

Theresa Albert
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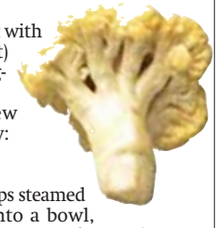
Last year it was grilled cheese; this year it's mac and cheese getting the red carpet overhaul.

A Mac & Cheese Festival coming up next month in Toronto promises to bring together "savvy cooks and food entrepreneurs" in order to reinvent this comfort food.

Most cooks seem to take a "go big or go home" approach to the dish — adding white chocolate, for instance, or combining it with a pot of chili.

I'm not a huge fan of messing with a classic by mixing in miscellany, but there is so much fun you can have adding a crust.

Keep the full-full, sharp cheese taste in the traditional homemade recipes (or cheat with boxed product) but add a veggie bottom. Here are a few bottoms to try:



Cauli Crust

- Grate 2 cups steamed cauliflower into a bowl, stir in a beaten egg and 1/2 cup of Parmesan cheese and press into casserole dish.
- Bake until it forms a crispy crust and then top with cooked mac and cheese to warm together.

Go Greek

- Mix together 3 cups of thawed frozen spinach, 1 tbsp oregano, 2 cloves of garlic, 1 cup crumbled feta. Press into casserole dish and top with mac and cheese and bake until heated through.

Kiss it Italian

- Slice 3 or 4 ripe tomatoes into thick slices and lay into casserole dish.
- Place a handful of basil into the pan, drizzle with balsamic vinegar and top with cooked mac and cheese. Bake to heat through. Invert onto a platter.

Nothing says love like a creamy casserole, but it doesn't have to be all fatty carbs all the time!

WINE COCKTAIL

A treat for Mom

LIQUID ASSETS

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While the majority of winemakers I know would prefer to see their creations enjoyed without any alien additions, inspired wine cocktails are a respectable part of the European restaurant scene, especially in Italy, where palate-enhancing drinks are quaffed prior to dinner or over brunch.

Those looking for a beverage to pamper mom this Mother's Day should try The Spritz, a bright orange bevy from the northeastern region of Veneto.

In a large wine glass, add a shot of Aperol liqueur ($19.49 to $27.29) to a helping of bubbly prosecco; top it off with a little sparkling water and add an orange wedge as a garnish.

Refreshing, citrusy and lightly bitter, it's a liquid union that looks as good as it tastes.

TREND

Hot sauce emporium has NYC hipsters feeling a little warm

This week Heatonist, a hot sauce emporium with a tasting counter that kickstarted in February, quietly opened its tasting room in Williamsburg, Brooklyn.

There are more than 70 sauces to try: The store will eventually carry more than 100 varieties made all over the world (yes, even some with the new king of heat, the Carolina Reaper), from Japan to South Africa.

But it doesn't serve food or drinks (though pairing dinners and cookouts are planned), so taste responsibly.

Before we made a grab for the hottest thing to slather on our next meal, owner and hot sauce sommelier Noah Chaimberg laid some knowledge on us.

Is heat just heat?
There are definitely certain categories of ingredients that pair well with different foods and less well with others.

Is there a house blend?
Our different sauce makers from around the world are sending us pepper seeds, so we're going to be growing them here in the garden. When we have our first harvest, we'll try our hand at making hot sauce.

Are peppers the only way to get heat?
When we think about wasabi, horseradish, mustard, ginger, these have a lot of spiciness to them, but it's different from the capsaicin that we get from chili peppers.

When you think about wasabi in particular, when you feel the spiciness in your sinuses, that's because the spice molecules are much smaller than the capsaicin, so they float up from your mouth and into your sinus, whereas capsaicin is a bigger molecule, heavier, so it stays down and burns your tongue.

What should you do if a sauce is too spicy?
People will often reach for milk — dairy has a protein called casein that is sort of a cure for the capsaicin, and it tends to be the higher the fat content, the better it works.

So a lot of people have whipped cream on hand; some people use cream cheese.

We don't have any whipped cream on hand, so just feel the heat and let it resonate for a minute.

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PERFECT PAIRS

We asked Noah Chaimberg what to put on some popular dishes.

Avocado toast
"You want something with a little bit of sweetness and spice on the avocado toast that's really fresh and good for the morning," he says. "We have a serrano, ginger, lemongrass hot sauce."

Ramen
"I like to use a vinegar-based sauce, and for that I'd probably reach for the Heirloom Hot Sauce with chiltepin pepper."

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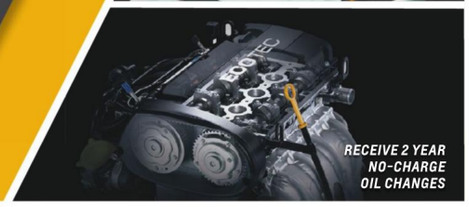

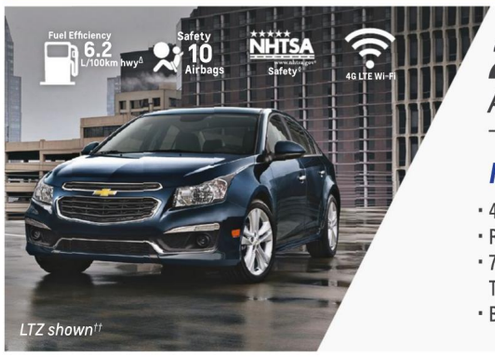

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Chrysler is preparing a plug-in hybrid version of the successor to its Town & Country minivan.

Canyon is smaller but mighty

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REVIEW

Pickup truck nicely fills gap between small and midsize

Jil McIntosh
For Metro

Today's trucks are better than they've ever been, but they're also bigger than ever. And since not everyone wants or needs a full-size truck, the all-new GMC Canyon might be the answer.

The Canyon, along with its mechanical twin Chevrolet Colorado, shares only its name with the small truck last offered in 2012. This version is more midsize than compact, but it's still easier to park, and to get in and out, versus most full-size trucks.

It's available as an Extended Cab with two rear-hinged back doors, and as a Crew Cab with four conventionally opening doors. The Extended Cab comes strictly with a long box (6-foot-1), while the Crew Cab comes with long box or short box (5-foot-2).

The base engine is a 2.5-litre four-cylinder, available with a six-speed manual or automatic transmission, but I tested the 3.6-litre V6, which comes exclusively with the automatic. All models also offer two- or four-wheel drive. Depending on the configuration, towing capacity goes as high as 3,175 kilograms.

No truck really drives "truck-like" anymore, but the Canyon is very well done. Its steering is well-weighted — light enough for easy manoeuvring, but weighted enough for confidence — and when the going gets mucky, it can be dialled into four-wheel on the fly. The V6 engine is smooth, and with just enough of a growl to satisfy fans who want a truck, not a car.

> **The V6 engine is smooth, and with just enough of a growl**

The interior is a scaled-down version of the full-size GMC Sierra, and you can order such upscale options as navigation, forward collision alert, lane departure warning, and leather seats. A nice touch is that while many manufacturers include all of the available option buttons, and blank out the ones that weren't ordered, GM installs just the right number of controls. It's a small thing, but the dash doesn't look like you "cheaped out" with all those blank buttons.

Also borrowed from GM's bigger trucks is the simple but effective bumper step that gives you a quick leg up into the box. A factory spray-in bedliner is available, too.

There are still a few contenders in this segment, but for performance and comfort, I think the Canyon is currently the best of the bunch.

THE CHECKLIST | 2015 GMC CANYON

THE BASICS

Type. Four-door, five-passenger compact pickup
Engine (hp). 2.4-litre I4 (200), 3.6-litre V6 (305)
Transmissions. Six-speed manual (I4); six-speed automatic (I4, V6)
Price. Base $20,600, as-tested $39,930 (plus destination)

POINTS

- The rear seat cushions flip up to reveal hidden storage cubbies.
- The base trim line comes with an easy-clean vinyl floor; all others have carpet.
- An available All-Terrain Package includes an off-road suspension and front recovery hooks.

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COOL FEATURES

- Standard rearview camera
- Available Wi-Fi hotspot capability
- Available navigation and smartphone integration
- Standard power driver's seat
- Available remote starter

MARKET POSITION

- Midsize trucks don't do as well in the market as full-size, possibly because their upper-line prices can overlap those of their larger siblings. Buyers have to look at smaller-size convenience as well as price.

THE COMPETITION

Chevrolet Colorado
Base price: $19,400

Toyota Tacoma
Base price: $24,285

Nissan Frontier
Base price: $22,748

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Car-people link drives cultural anthropologist

AUTO PILOT

Mike Goetz

Some people have such deep connections with their vehicles they made sure they got buried in them.

There was that California socialite and her 1963 Ferrari 330 America, that former Second World War army sergeant and his 1994 Chevrolet Corvette, and that 90-year-old gentleman from South Carolina and his 1973 Pontiac Catalina.

Michael Thomas studies this car-people connection for a living. He is Ford Motor Company's first on-staff cultural anthropologist. Speaking over the phone from Ford's worldwide HQ in Dearborn, Mich., he noted that some objects do more than their primarily design role; they cross over into the cultural realm and become important in how we associate as humans.

This cultural role of vehicles is what deepens our connection to them, says Thomas. "Cars help individuals exert themselves in the social world."

Examples of how vehicles implicate themselves into an individual's social world are many and varied, and differ throughout the world. Here in North America, the classic ones are cars as extensions of an individual's personality (be it speedy or quirky or whatever), as status symbols, and as one of the last bastions of personal space.

But Ford is also interested in finding the more nuanced ways vehicles implicate themselves into our lives, and particularly in areas of the world where car ownership is a relatively new phenomenon.

Thomas has been working at Ford for two years now. He and his team spent the first year just gathering data around the globe. How does one gather cultural anthropological data? By shadowing people, from the time they get up to the time they're done for the night, for several days in a row, much like a reality show, just without the cameras, fake drama, and C-list celebrities.

"The idea is to triangulate all the data, not just the car-related data."

One of the subjects the team followed was a new dad in China, whose passion is extreme sports. His vehicle is very important to him, because it had to fit his new role as guardian and protector, and yet still embody a sliver of his former edgy self. So he chose a safe but sporty-enough vehicle, that he envisioned himself using, to navigate his family in and around the scary traffic conditions in urban China — a new form of extreme sport, if you will.

"We found that people use vehicles to help them through their transitions," adds Thomas.

Another subject was a sari salesperson in India. As per cultural protocol, as soon as the transaction shifted to the payment phase, she had to hand off the transaction to a male colleague. The rest of her life was like that, too, always deferring to male authority. But in her car, she took up the same amount of space as anyone else on the road. It was her way of to gain agency not permitted in other areas of her life.

"She didn't have to defer to anyone on the road. She was equal."

Toyota makes its eighth hybrid

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HYBRIDS

Carmaker's new 2016 RAV4

Japanese automaker Toyota took the wraps off a new 2016 RAV4 hybrid small tall wagon at the recent New York Auto Show, making it Toyota's eighth model to sport a gas-electric powertrain. The vehicle's edgier design will be shared with the conventional RAV4 for the new model year. Sporting on-demand all-wheel-drive, the hybrid will deliver more horsepower and better fuel economy than its conventional sibling, said Bob Carter, senior vice-president of Toyota's U.S. operations, although he did not provide specific figures. Carter expressed confidence that some buyers will opt for the RAV4 hybrid, even with gasoline languishing at just barely $3 US a gallon. Also in the U.S., RAV4 sales surged 28 per cent in March to 25,243 units. "We are supply constrained" on the model, Carter said.

FUEL-CELL VEHICLES

Toyota to price car at $57,500

Toyota is working overtime to make its new Mirai hydrogen-powered fuel-cell sedan more affordable to the masses, Automotive News reported. The car will roll into showrooms with a base price of nearly $60,000 US, "but Toyota hopes to reduce that sum significantly in the near future." The Mirai's expected retail price, starting at $57,500, is a hefty $40,000 less than analysts' initial estimates.

POLL

Tesla Model S draws most love

For the second year in a row, the Tesla Model S electric sedan is the car most loved by its owners in the United States, a study by market research firm Strategic Vision suggests. The New Vehicle Experience Study, which involved a poll of 534,000 vehicle owners, revealed most — 92 per cent — of Model S owners checked the "I Love It" box.

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DESIGN

Camaro to shed 90 kilograms

The realization that less vehicle weight makes the engine work less and burn less fuel is gaining traction with automakers. Latest case in point: the 2016 Chevrolet Camaro will weigh 90 kilograms less than the 2015 model, putting curb weight for the base LS and LT models at about 1,600 kg. Engineers were challenged to improve handling, acceleration and fuel economy for 2016. The new vehicle structure, which it shares with the rear wheel-drive Cadillac ATS and CTS, is responsible for most of the weight loss.

FINANCE

U.K. to subsidize electric scooters and choppers

Electric motorcycles and scooters now qualify for government subsidies in England, the Office for Low Emission Vehicles has announced. The equivalent of about $11 million US — capped at $2,237 per vehicle — will help encourage more sales of low-emission vehicles. This will make qualifying vehicles up to 20 per cent less expensive, establishing motorcycles and scooters as the most affordable electric vehicles on British roads.

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Mixing, matching pieces of the past

What's old is new again as we look back through the decades

Lisa Hannam
For Metro

Spring forward?

Not this year, according to trends that look back at previous decades. Accessories, silhouettes and stylish details hearken back to the 1960s through to the 1990s.

Stylists have been saying anything goes, and it's never been more true than this season. Polka dots and culottes are a swinging '60s good time. And along with the return of fringe and shirt dresses, we are seeing pant legs widening to a 1970s flare, which sharply contrast the high-voltage-hued accessories and splashy prints inspired by the 1980s.

While grunge of the 1990s is easily forgettable, you can't help but notice the micro-sized purses and chunky, strappy sandals seen everywhere.

There is the adage that if you wore a trend the first time around, you shouldn't wear it again when it comes back in fashion. The idea, we guess, is that the clothes might age you. To avoid that, mix and match the decades with modern, streamlined pieces.

That's the best part of these multidecadal references — you can layer them to express your personality.

It's like a second chance to fix past fashion faux pas. Now if only fashion could figure out how to fix the other "mistakes" from our youth.

WHAT'S YOUR DECADE?

Finding your style personality has a lot to do with your lifestyle and attitude. Like everything just right and perfect, the '60s symmetrical aesthetic is for your nitpicky personality.

If you are ambitious, but aren't easily ruffled, the '70s is a cool way to dress. If you like attention and statement pieces, look no further than the '80s. The '90s is for the strong-willed woman, with it's minimalist but bold pieces.

Denim culottes, from the 1960s, $84.95, at Gap, gapcanada.com.

Leather fringe cross-body bag, right, from the 1970s, $215, at Rudsak, rudsak.com, and a watercolour shift dress, far right, $223, from the 1980s, at BCBGMaxazria, bcbg.com.

1960s

FABRIC POLKA DOT PUMP, $80, AT ALDO, ALDOSHOES.COM.

1970s

CHEVRON PRINT KNOTTED SHIRT DRESS, $225, AT LACOSTE.COM/CA.

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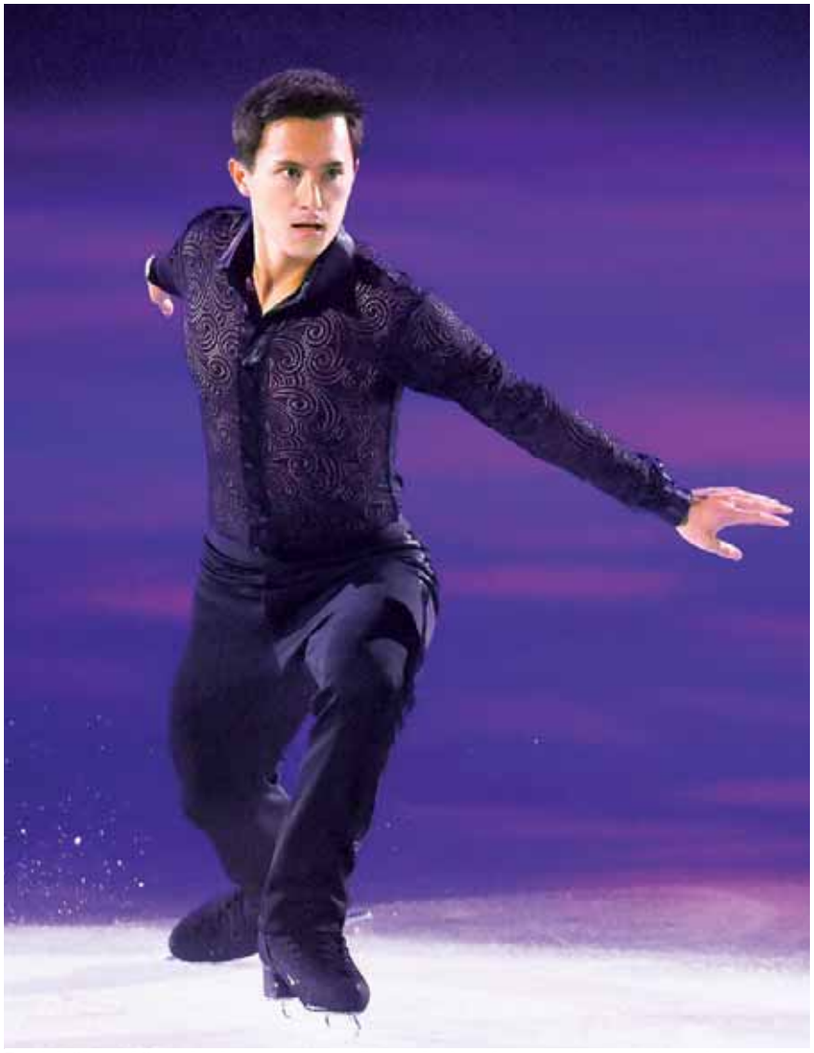

Patrick Chan of Canada plans to return to figure skating after stepping away from the sport following his silver medal at the 2014 Winter Olympics in Sochi, Russia. ATSUSHI TOMURA/GETTY IMAGES

Sky is limit for Chan's return

FIGURE SKATING

Action-packed year off has inspired skater to do big things

Falling to earth from 13,000 feet helped Patrick Chan put life in perspective. "You pull the chute and, oh my gosh, the view is amazing," Chan said. "It just makes you realize how small I am and how small the figure skating world is."

The 24-year-old from Toronto was scheduled to go sky diving again Tuesday in Montreal with fellow Canadian figure skaters Kaitlyn Weaver and Andrew Poje, Eric Radford, Jeffrey Buttle and Joannie Rochette — who introduced Chan to the extreme sport while in Florida recently.

The three-time world champion confirmed last week he was returning to competition after an adventurous year off that included sky diving, surfing and back-country skiing. He even has his own ice wine label, set for release in June.

"I think that (the fun times) will help with my return to skating, to just remind myself that 'Hey, look at how great of a life I have, and skating and the place I finish doesn't affect at all who I am and what I can do with it.'"

Chan didn't dare tell coach Kathy Johnson about sky diving until after he was back on safe ground. "So that I wouldn't deal with her wrath," Chan said, laughing. He drew parallels between leaping from a plane and stepping on to the ice. "Very very frightening," Chan said on a conference call. "The anticipation was very very similar."

Chan stepped away from competition after his silver medal performance at last year's Sochi Olympics. He believes, even had he won gold in Sochi, he would've taken a break.

The seven-time Canadian champion was a keen spectator of the ice dancing competition this past season — Kaitlyn Weaver and Andrew Poje, who won world bronze, are good friends and train at the same arena in Detroit. He admitted he "skimmed through" the men's programs a couple of days after the world championships, fast forwarding to the big jumps.

Post-Olympic seasons usually are lacking and Chan wasn't super impressed by what he saw.

"Nothing too special — no offence," he said. "It was a very exciting competition, of course technically everyone did all the quads (quadruple jumps), but we've had two, three seasons of these quads coming back into the men's field, so that's to be expected now.

"At this point, especially myself, I look to a skater who is pushing the boundaries programwise." Chan hopes to do just that. "I want to skate a program that I can get off the ice and say 'I'm proud of what I just did.' I hope it's something people will look back in years to come, or coaches can play a program to skaters to say 'This is what it takes to be a champion.'

"That's really my goal, not necessarily winning a medal. I think I'm beyond that in my career."

Chan's return is good news for Canadian men's skating. With Chan out, and Olympian Kevin Reynolds struggling with both skate issues, then a hip injury, 16-year-old Nam Nguyen won the national title and went on to finish fifth at the world championships. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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>
> Figure skater Patrick Chan

NBA PLAYOFFS

James searching for way to win Bull fight

LeBron James leaned against a stanchion and spun a ball on his index finger. As it rotated, his brain seemed to be turning just as quickly. He's plotting his next move against the Bulls.

After losing Game 1 of their Eastern Conference semifinal series to Chicago, James and the Cleveland Cavaliers regrouped on Tuesday to watch film, work on outside shooting and devise a better defensive scheme to stop a pick-and-roll play the Bulls executed to near perfection during their 99-92 victory. James came within one assist of a triple-double, but he wasn't happy with his performance, and with Cleveland missing starters Kevin Love and J.R. Smith, the four-time league MVP knows it's going to be up to him and all-star guard Kyrie Irving to even the series Wednesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

> **"I think I may have to change my mindset with Kev being out.**
>
> LeBron James

IN BRIEF

Woods carrying heavy heart at Players Championship

Tiger Woods felt rusty and tired Tuesday at The Players Championship — rust because he has played one tournament in three months, fatigue because of his personal life. Sunday was the anniversary of his father's death and Woods and his girlfriend of two years, Olympic ski champion Lindsey Vonn, jointly announced they were splitting on the same day because of their busy schedules. "It's tough. There's no doubt," Woods said after practising at TPC Sawgrass. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Politics, football overlap as Israel and Palestine face off

Israel's Football Association said Tuesday that Palestinians football officials are "injecting politics into sports" by calling on FIFA to suspend the Jewish state from world football. The Palestinian proposal features in FIFA's published agenda for its election congress on May 29. Ofer Eini, president of Israel's FA, said his organization has done its best to assist Palestinian soccer, but that many issues were beyond its control and needed to be resolved at a political level. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE SEMIFINALS

Morata hurts old club Real in first leg

Juve's Stephan Lichtsteiner, right, battles Real Madrid's Marcelo. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Former Real Madrid forward Alvaro Morata came back to haunt his old club as he netted the opener for Juventus on its way to a 2-1 victory over the holders in the first leg of their Champions League semifinal on Tuesday.

Morata, who moved to Juventus after helping Madrid to a record 10th Champions League title, didn't celebrate after scoring. Cristiano Ronaldo became the competition's all-time top scorer with Madrid's equalizer before Carlos Tevez restored Juventus' lead from the spot. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Pacquiao hit with class-action lawsuit over injury

Manny Pacquiao and his handlers have been hit with a lawsuit asking for damages for anyone who paid to watch his fight with Floyd Mayweather Jr. because he failed to disclose his shoulder was injured.

It alleges that the viewers were defrauded after paying to watch the fight, and seeks class action status on behalf of anyone who bought tickets, pay-per-view or bet on the fight. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Solder feeling 'fine' despite cancer diagnosis

New England Patriots offensive tackle Nate Solder says he feels fine at the team's voluntary off-season activities.

He missed them last year after being diagnosed with testicular cancer and undergoing surgery. But he played in every game and helped protect Tom Brady's left side on the way to a Super Bowl championship.

Nate Solder GETTY IMAGES

Solder went public about two weeks ago with the news of his cancer. Now he is spreading the word about the need for early detection. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Stamps trade Mouton away for Sanders

The Calgary Stampeders acquired offensive lineman Zebrie Sanders from the Winnipeg Blue Bombers for defensive back Ryan Mouton on Tuesday.

Both are international players.

Sanders was a fifth-round pick of the Buffalo Bills in 2012. He spent that season on the injured-reserve list and attended the NFL team's training camp the following year before being released. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Price shines in playoffs

NHL

Montreal still carries belief thanks to star goaltender

P.K. Subban and the Montreal Canadiens can see the light despite the 2-0 series hole they've dug themselves into against the Tampa Bay Lightning.

"Whenever you come to Florida and you get a little bit of sunshine, everyone seems to smile a little bit more," Subban said Tuesday. "We're optimistic at this point.

"We're not pessimistic, I'll tell you that right now. We're one win away from being back in the series."

The Canadiens' confidence comes from their 5-on-5 play in the series, knowing if they can stay out of the penalty box they're bound to have more success than they did in Game 2. But their biggest reason to believe they can get back in this second-round series is goaltender Carey Price, who so many times this season has carried the Habs on his shoulders.

The good news for Montreal is Price sounded almost as upbeat as Subban ahead of Game 3 on Wednesday night.

"I feel great," Price said. "I'm doing what I've been doing my whole life."

Struggles against the Lightning aside — a 3.47 goals-against average and .906 save percentage in the regular season and eight goals on 59 shots so far in the playoffs — Price has shown often this season the ability to single-handedly will Montreal to victories.

The Vezina and Hart Trophy finalist shook off a 6-2 loss Sunday and insisted his focus in on Game 3 alone.

"It's all in your mindset," Price said. "For me it's pretty simple.

"Regardless of good performances or bad performances, for me it's a pretty simple equation. It's been working all season, so I don't see a reason to change it now."

Price is 12-4-4 with two days between games this season. That's the situation he's facing again with the pressure at its highest point.

"It just lets you physically recover a little bit," Price said. "Obviously the playoffs are a grind, you're playing every second day.

Later Tuesday, Price, Washington Capitals forward Alex Ovechkin and Dallas Stars forward Jamie Benn were announced as the finalists for the Ted Lindsay Award as the most outstanding player. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canadiens goaltender Carey Price fails to prevent a goal scored by the Lightning's Nikita Kucherov in a 6-2 loss in Montreal on Sunday. GRAHAM HUGHES/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

> **"We're not pessimistic, I'll tell you that right now. We're one win away from being back in the series.** Canadiens defenceman P.K. Subban

SLAP ON WRIST

Canadiens forward Brandon Prust was fined $5,000 US on Tuesday for calling out referee Brad Watson following Sunday's playoff loss. The fine came hours after Prust apologized publicly for his comments.

Prust had said Watson insulted him and swore at him.

Switzerland's Denis Hollenstein, left, collides with Germany's Benedikt Kohl on Tuesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WORLD HOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIP

Group stage winds down before quarters

Slovakia struck late to overcome Slovenia 3-1 for its third victory at the Ice Hockey World Championship and France ended a two-game losing streak with a 2-0 win over Austria on Tuesday.

Earlier, Switzerland edged Germany 1-0 and Belarus beat Denmark 5-1 for their second victories at the tournament.

Los Angeles Kings forward Marian Gaborik scored on a power play with 5:44 remaining and added his second into an empty net with one second to go to lead Slovakia to victory.

Buffalo Sabres defenceman Andrej Meszaros had tied it in the final period after Jan Urbas gave Slovenia a 1-0 lead in the first period.

Damien Fleury scored on a power play 6:13 into the final period and Laurent Meunier added the second into an empty net with 58 seconds left for France's first win at the tournament.

"That's a big win for us," Dallas Stars forward Antoine Roussel said. "We deserved the three points but that was a hard battle for both teams."

Earlier, the defeat by Switzerland was another blow for Germany's campaign after a humiliating 10-0 loss to Canada in its previous game on Sunday.

Denis Hollenstein ended the deadlock with a backhand shot in the final period with 7:44 remaining. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 36 minutes
Serving Size: 4

Ingredients
- 3 tsp vegetable oil, divided
- 4 medium chicken quarters cut into thighs and drumsticks
- ¼ cup all-purpose flour
- 2 tsp minced fresh garlic
- 1½ cups chopped onion
- 1½ cups chopped green bell peppers
- 1 cup white rice
- 1 can (19 oz) crushed tomatoes
- 1¾ cups chicken stock
- ½ cup sliced stuffed green olives
- 1 Tbsp drained capers
- 2 tsp dried basil
- 2 tsp chili powder
- 1½ tsp dried oregano
- 1 bay leaf
- ¼ cup chopped fresh parsley or cilantro

Directions

1. Preheat the oven to 400°F. Spray a 13- by 9-inch baking dish with cooking oil.

2. Spray a large non-stick skillet with cooking oil, add 2 tsp of the vegetable oil and place over medium heat. Dust the chicken with the flour. Brown on all sides, about 6 minutes. Add to baking dish.

3. Remove the fat from the skillet, wipe it clean and respray with cooking oil.

4. Add the remaining 1 tsp oil along with the garlic, onion and green pepper and cook, for 4 minutes or until softened.

5. Stir in the rice, tomatoes, stock, olives, capers, basil, chili powder, oregano and bay leaf.

6. Bring to a boil, cook for 1 minute and pour over the chicken. Cover tightly with foil and bake for 30 minutes, stirring a couple of times, until the juices run clear when the leg is pierced at the thickest point and the rice is tender. Garnish with parsley or cilantro.

Nutrition per serving
- Calories 422
- Protein 34 g
- Carbohydrates 7.6 g
- Fat 10 g

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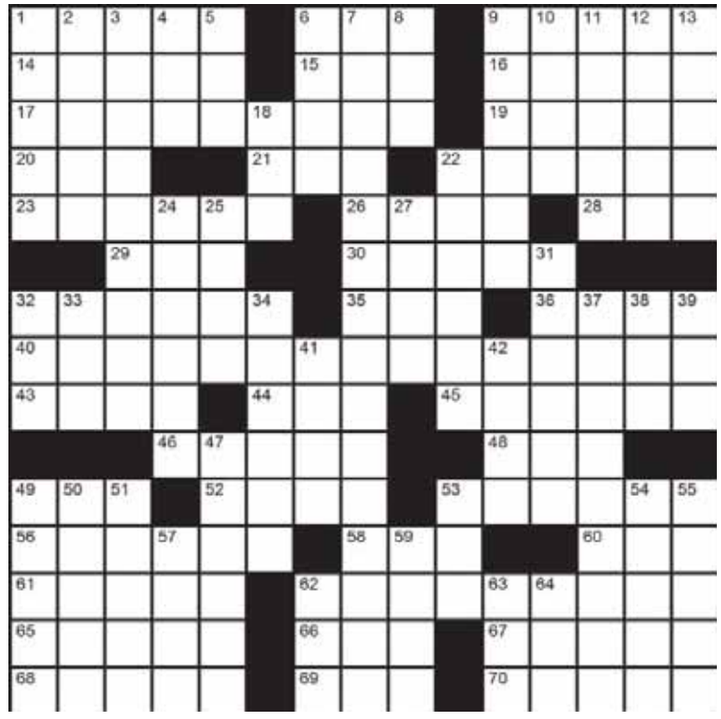

ACROSS
1. 'au lait' beverages
6. Ms. Mendes
9. Travel documentations
14. Gumbo ingredients
15. "Notorious" (1946) setting
16. Bar soap brand, __ Spring
17. Canadian sardines brand
19. Toy truck
20. Louis XIV, par exemple
21. Paul McCartney & Wings song
22. Made a batch of that powdered fruit-flavoured drink, say
23. Sports stadium song
26. Face shape
28. Bard's 'previously'
29. Fee-fi-fo-__
30. Henhouse
32. University in Wolfville, Nova Scotia
35. X - VII = ?
36. Chocolate bar of bubbles
40. Chad Allan, for The Guess Who: 3 wds.
43. San __, Italy
44. Oprah Winfrey's TV network
45. Amidst, to a poet
46. Refreshing, as an idea
48. __-Tac-Toe
49. Energy
52. __ Beach, Florida
53. Van Halen song; or, a famous Canal
56. 2009 James Cameron directed movie
58. Tartan-wearer's turndown
60. "__ of Light" by Madonna
61. Pronounce once more
62. Techie purchase: 2 wds. (Note: Answer has a number in it)
65. Book's li'l lead in
66. _ __ B (Chooser's two choices)
67. Pirate's secret chest
68. BBQ sizzler
69. "The Graduate"

DOWN
1. Hooded snake
2. Ohio city
3. Place for picking-your-own and picnicking, perhaps: 2 wds.
4. Suffix with 'Jacob'
5. "Hiss!"
6. Fort __, Ontario
7. Setting of Josh Hartnett's series "Penny Dreadful": 2 wds.
8. Perfect
9. Life signs
10. Press
11. Scorch
12. Questioner
13. Hue
18. "The Mary Tyler Moore Show" news station, _ _ _-TV
22. Following of The Way
24. Garth __ (Windsor, ON born member of The Band)
25. Yield
27. Word on a sample cheque
31. Stuff in tea or red wine
32. Egypt's cont.
33. French business name abbr.
34. Billy Idol's "To Be _ __"
37. A dozen can be found in one of these: 2 wds.
38. CV
39. Meal scrap
41. Washstand container
42. Tad
47. __ Territorial Park, in Nunavut
49. France's capital
50. Happening
51. Cut-and-__
53. Apiece
54. Writer Ms. Binchy
55. Actor, Lew __ (b.1908 - d.1996)
57. Ms. Reid
59. Belonging to May's li'l preceder
62. 'Timely' hit for Matchbox 20
63. "__ be an honour."
64. US firearms org.
70. "Homeland" star Claire (1967) director ...his initials-sharers

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
Meet up with friends and do things together today. And don't just limit yourself to social activities. Make the world a better place.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
You will get the chance to climb several rungs up the ladder of success over the next few days but there is also a danger that you could slip and fall all the way to the bottom.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Travel and social plans will go well today. News from afar is likely too, perhaps from someone you last saw on less than friendly terms.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Be brutally honest today, both with yourself and with other people. The fact is you don't really care what others think. What you discover over the next 24 hours will affect you profoundly.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
What others are suggesting may sound enticing but before you go along with their plans try to work out what's in it for you and what's in it for them.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You have your doubts about a plan or project that everyone else seems enthusiastic about and if you are smart you will speak up and start a debate.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Do what you feel like doing today and ignore those who say you are doing it wrong or that you should be doing more for other people. The fact is you have done your share and have every right to reward yourself.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Not even a Scorpio can get their own way all the time and you have no option now but to accept that others are calling the shots. Don't waste time complaining.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Go somewhere new and do something different today. The more adventurous you are and the further you travel from your home base the more fun you will have.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
This is generally a positive time for you but you still need to take care where your finances are concerned. Above all you should resist the temptation to spend money on luxuries and other things you know you cannot really afford.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You may be thinking of starting something new but would it not make more sense to finish what you started a while back first? Today's powerful Sun-Pluto link will help you knuckle down and get the job done – finally!

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
You may think that if you don't act fast someone else will beat you to a prize that should have been yours — and maybe you're right, maybe they will — but is it really so important? You don't have to be this competitive.

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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